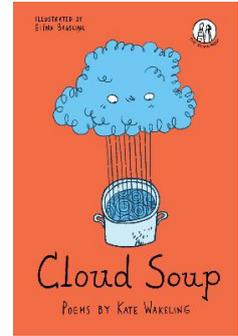


The Children's Bookshow

We hope you enjoyed [The Children's Bookshow](#) with Kate Wakeling and Elina Brasliņa. Have a go at some of these creative activities inspired by *Cloud Soup* and send us your work. We would love to see it!



Explore



- Did you know you could be drinking kangaroo wee?! *The water in the glass you are holding right now* points out all sorts of places where the water we drink has been before. Do some research online or at your local library to find out all about the water cycle.
- Find out if facts 3, 7 and 13 in *13 Slippery Facts about Antarctica* could be true. Investigate a different continent and create your own list poem based on the facts you discover.

Draw



- Collect your own word hoard (p. 74) and create an illustration in the style of Elina Brasliņa of all your words.
- List and draw your own group of baddies (p. 86). Alternatively, you could create a collage, cutting images out from comics, magazines or print outs and overlapping them all in a group.
- Using Elina's guinea pig (p.64) as inspiration, create a line drawing of your own pet or a favourite animal.

Create



- Design and make your own weird cake. Start with a basic sponge recipe and add some unusual ingredients. Just make sure all the ingredients are edible and that you ask an adult for help!
- Make your own cloud in a jar using just a handful of items which you can find around the house. There are lots of websites with easy-to-follow instructions. Make sure to ask an adult to help you.

Write

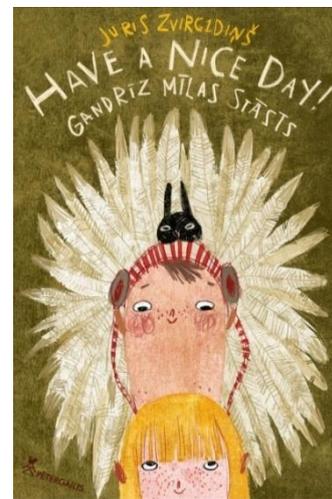
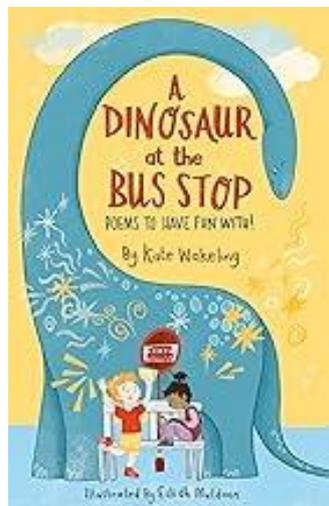
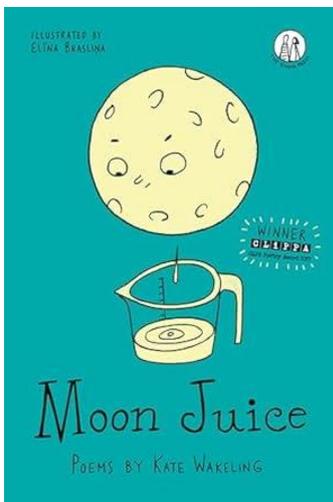


- Write your own poem inspired by a famous painting (p.38). You could explore gallery websites such as www.tate.org.uk or www.nationalgallery.org.uk for inspiration.
- *Some Other Names for Rain* uses Kennings. Find out what these are and write your own poem based on another type of weather.
- Think of a special person, event or memory and write a story poem like *Grandma and the Sea*.

Further Activities to Try

1. Have a go at some of the poetry writing ideas which have been suggested on pages 98 to 100 of *Cloud Soup*.
2. Watch Kate Wakeling reading her poetry on [Poetry | Centre for Literacy in Primary Education \(clpe.org.uk\)](https://www.clpe.org.uk/Poetry).
3. Visit www.thechildrensbookshow.com/artists to explore our other featured authors and illustrators and discover lots of recommended reads and more creative activities to try.
4. Read some other great poetry collections by some of The Children's Bookshow's favourite poets:
 - The Rainmaker Danced by John Agard (Author) and Satoshi Kitamura (Illustrator), Hodder Children's Books
 - Hot Like Fire by Valerie Bloom (Author) and Debbie Lush (Illustrator), Bloomsbury Publishing PLC
 - A Kid in My Class by Rachel Rooney (Author) and Chris Riddell (Illustrator), Otter Barry Books
 - Out Of This World: A brand new collection of poems to make you laugh, smile and think by Michael Rosen (Author), Ed Vere (Illustrator), Harper Collins Children's Books

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