



## Top tips!

- Keep the theme in mind. Lots of different and amazing people. With lots of different and amazing skills. And lots that we have in common!
- Read it aloud, read it inside. Read it to someone at home, read it someone at school. Does it make sense to you? Does it make sense to them? Performing your poem is a great way to make sure that it really works.
- We don't mind if your poem isn't perfect. You could write your first ideas down on a big piece of paper and scribble, draw or scrawl all over it to make your first draft! But when it's done, do check your final entry. Then check it again.
- Keep it simple! You could use some cool poetry tricks, like rhyming, alliteration, similes... but your message is the most important thing. Sometimes the simplest poems are the best.
- Write about what you know. Tell it from the heart. Your heart.
- Be honest, be yourself when you're writing. Think about what you want to talk about and what you know and don't try to be anyone else.
- Have fun! It's not homework so try to just enjoy yourself.