



Our Natural World

2022 Competition Guidance for Teachers, Parents and Families

The aim of the Awards for Young Writers and Artists is to encourage young people to engage in visual arts and creative writing, to celebrate their creativity and originality. This year each young artist and writer is invited to create a work of art or write a poem, story or report on the theme of 'Our Natural World'.



Please look out for the promotional materials from Ellie Jackson and Wyl Menmuir; two local writers who are passionate about our natural world who will be sharing their thoughts, wisdom and writerly top tips! These should be up on the festival website

www.foweyfestival.com early in 2022. We hope you will use them!

This year, we are also collaborating with the brilliant [Eden 'Found Words' Project](#), with free teacher resources for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3 based on 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. You will also have the chance to upload it to the Eden Instagram page and have

it seen across the UK! The young 'Eden Ambassadors' will show your classes how they produced their work in a step-by-step guide, as well as tutorials from Bran Howell at Eden and Dani Towe from Bridge Schools. For more information, please see link below.

Each year we receive lots of entries and our judges – writers, artists and teachers – look at each one carefully. The main feedback from previous years is that the best stories go beyond description. There's a setting, one or more characters, something happens and there's a sense of an ending. The best poems have something unique and passionately expressed in a carefully crafted manner. The best art stands out from other pieces - maybe colour, technique, subject or use of space.

The new opportunity to submit a piece of factual or persuasive writing is also worth highlighting. We would encourage writers to think about the audience they are addressing and the intended reaction or outcome they are hoping for. There are, of course, opportunities to tackle this imaginatively – for example, a letter from or to themselves, to a parent or a child in the future, or 'the minister's ear' – an account of what they would say to the Environment Minister about our natural world in a brief conversation in a lift. Anything is possible!

