

Birdies and Beasties

Scots language creativity for Early Years and Primary

Scotland's national poet Robert Burns loved animals. All sorts of creatures pop up in his poems. And as a farmer, he spent a lot of time out of doors enjoying the Scottish countryside.

Draw one of the birds or animals Robert Burns wrote about in his poetry.

Step ONE

Choose an animal which appears in a poem by Robert Burns:

Moosie,

Coo,

Dug,

Craw,

Troot,

Twa dugs, Baudrans (cat), Puddock (frog), Yowe (ewe), Tod (fox), Brock (badger), Gowk (cuckoo)

Do you know any more animal names from Burns? (You'll find a list at the bottom of the page.)

Step TWO

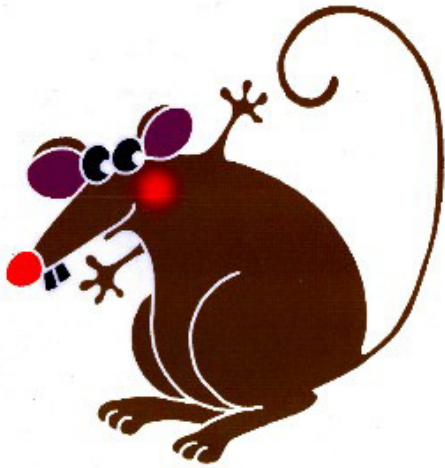
On a sheet of A4 paper, write the name of the animal in big bold letters.

Step THREE

On the same A4 sheet, draw a big colourful picture of the animal you've chosen.

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Examples to get you started



a moosie



a bonnie coo

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More animal names

dug - dog
doo - pigeon
tod - fox
yowe - ewe (sheep)
troot - trout
deuk - duck
craw - crow
puddock - frog
brock - badger
baudrans - cat
houlet - owl
mowdie - mole
hurchin - hedgehog

Some Scots adjectives

bonnie - beautiful
braw - handsome
wee - little
tottie - tiny
muckle - big
broon - brown
reid/ridd - red
greetin - crying
lowpin - jumpin
shooglin - shaking
crabbit - grumpy
sonsie - happy
gallus - cheeky