

ABOUT US

As part of About Us, a team of poets delivered poetry workshops in primary schools in each of the show's locations. The workshops explored some of the many ways life is connected across the universe. Each class we worked with created a collaborative poem exploring topics like cosmology, nature, identity and the climate. These poems were written by schools in Renfrewshire, created with poets Alan McClure, Imogen Stirling, Kevin Gilday, Rachel Plummer, and Tawona Sitholé.

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Bishopton Primary School
poem created with Imogen Stirling

The planet is beautiful,
It shines purple and green.
It's like a big bean!
The planet is humungous;
it's like a big fungus.
The moon is shining bright,
The moon will change shape every night.
The moon will fight the sun tonight.

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Bishopton Primary School
poem created with Imogen Stirling

I live in Bishopton,
I live on a planet.
It's beautiful – but not as much as me.
And I live in my layers of life.
My favourite thing to do is:
Playing football,
Talking to friends,
Reading books,
Playing with my hamster,
Running fast.
But most of all...
Leading my hide and seek team into victory!
We are all connected.
We are tall but some are small.
We agree and disagree.
We are all side by side.

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Bridge of Weir Primary School
poem created with Kevin Gilday

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I'm small, very small
My brain is like fireworks
The bright lights twinkling
Like a big colourful nest
Just energy between me and you

Rude brains, naughty brains, anxious brains
Brighter than a supernova
125 trillion synapses that keeps us sane
Like a pencil in a sharpener
Like a phone with infinite storage

The planet trusts us
Lights connect cities and villages
The moon gives up
There are not enough birds singing their song
Just mother nature and herself

The big bang was nothing before it exploded
A speck of dust, a grain of sand
I don't feel small, I feel important
We can do everything, if we just imagine
Make me walk, make me talk
Connect my brain

The earth is who we breathe, taste, touch, smell
It's who we are
Connection is all that there is

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Bridge of Weir Primary School
poem created with Kevin Gilday

Your brain is bright
A picture of magic
Rainbow sparks and electricity
They are perfect
Fire burning inside

Lines that blow your mind
Blue like crystals
Fight like a heavyweight
Escape from this cage
Sharp and fierce

Lights flicker, flooding the sky
Alive just like a beehive
The stars, ever so far
The earth like a hamster ball
This colourful thing

The world in all its glory
Are we spending our lives wisely?
We are lucky to have light
We are lucky to have life
I'm so grateful for my brain

PS. Thanks for the poem

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Cochrane Castle Primary School
poem created with Alan McClure

Our Universe

We come from Home
Busy, cloudy Johnstone
Ma bit
My house
Chores, family, x-box
Happy like a Christmas morning,
Rainy like a dripping tap
As good as going on Holiday!
Why don't we look after it?

We come from Scotland
Bonnie, busy Scotland
Mountains, freedom, Highland cows,
It is as cold as the North Pole,
Bonkers as a circus!
Festive, freezing,
Green and great!
Where did the traditions come from?

We come from Earth
Brilliant, beautiful Earth
Spain to Japan,
Wales to Brazil
Our crazy, natural home.
Pretty as the ocean,
Mind-blowing as the sun!
Why does it change?

We come from the Solar System
Strange and ginormous
Saturn, Jupiter, the Moon
Our home in the Milky Way

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Interesting like a book,
Epic, messy
Why does it exist?

We come from the Universe
Fascinating, friendly
Beautiful as a butterfly,
Mysterious as a cave
Why is the universe so big?
Did it create time,
Or did we?

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Fordbank Primary School
poem created with Alan McClure

Born in Paisley, crazy big busy
Roads, pavements
Home.

Food is home. Warm bed,
Calmness, kindness
Cosy and warm
Dogs and cats,
Xbox and PS5.

My house is as big as an aeroplane!

Born in Scotland
Beautiful as a sunflower
Irn bru and independence
Rain and bad weather
This country is cold
This country is best!

I want more forest
I want some snow
I want more sun
The climate is changing

Born on Earth
Green and blue
This planet is amazing
I want to go on holiday, I want more friends
Mexico, Canada, Panama, France
The planet is vast
So many people live on Earth
Too many?

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Born in the Universe

Started as a dot

Bang! The universe was created

Excellent!

Changing every day

Meteors, planets, galaxies, stars

Jupiter, Venus, Mercury, Mars

The universe

Is

Spectacular!

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Howwood Primary School
poem created with Imogen Stirling

Let Me Tell You About My Home

My home looks like mountains
as tall as skyscrapers you'll beg to climb
Stunning nature is everywhere, islands float
in water so clear I can see my face in it
My home looks like towns and villages,
our park, shop and school
My home is the sound of a flag flapping in the breeze
A bubbling kettle
Blasting music, barking dogs
A running tap, a crackling candle
It is the beep boop of my Xbox, the shhhhhh of my boiler,
the click click click of my keyboard
My home is the sound of my chanter, of trains rushing by
Bellowing cattle and creaking stairs
Trees dancing in the wind
My home is the taste of Irn Bru bubbling in my mouth
A good bit of shortbread, haggis on Burns Night
My home is the smell of a damp garden
The strawberry plant grown by my mum
My home feels dreich to some, but to me it is
Cold air on my face, the snug fit of my football boots, or
a thistle prick, ow!

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Howwood Primary School
poem created with Imogen Stirling

Just Like the Animals

The night is falling quickly
The stars dazzle in the dark
Owls howl in the misty shadows
Wolves stare at the full moon
The sly fox is hunting for small sleekit prey
Her sneaky footsteps in the mushy mud
Waiting for the right time to make a move
The wolf and her pups shelter in a dark cave
Eyes closing slowly
Sleeping silently in a corner
The fox sprints to see her babies before the sun rises
Animals are coming home

It makes me think

When I come home, I am loved
When I come home, I am warm
When I come home, I am cosy
When I come home, I am safe
When I come home, my family are there for me
It is the place I will always return to
Just like the animals

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Mossvale Primary School
poem created with Alan McClure

Big Questions about the Big Bang

We are all related, we are all family
We share most of our DNA with apes
We are related to bananas!
Live
Stay positive
Look after one another
We can be kind and caring

We change to fit our environment
We could stop polluting,
Littering, cutting down trees
Cruelty to animals
Make better weather
Fewer diseases

Is the Universe a giant clock?

No

Yes

Maybe

Kind of

Probably

Obviously

Earth is round

A clock is round

It feels like time is going slow

Earth looks like a football

Like a sea, like an apple

When we think of these things

It feels like time goes too fast

Is the universe a clock

Running out of time?

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Are we in a singularity?
Was there nothing before the big bang
Because of a black hole?
What was there before Earth was made?
Was the big bang a nuclear explosion?
Will it lead to a nuclear wasteland?
Combustion
Planets and stars
DNA
It made dust and earth
Heat
And death

Beyond the universe
There is a multiverse
There is a black sky
There are stars
We don't know what is beyond the universe
Space debris, meteors
Anything?
Are there gadgets that people have used before?
There are things you can't imagine
Is there a black hole at the end of the universe?

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Riverbrae School
poems created with Kevin Gilday

Jamie

I am Jamie
I am sunny
I am a banana
I am a brave lion
I am light blue
I love playing outside
I fear monsters
I need lunch

Callum

I am Callum
I am stormy
I am a sausage
I am a noisy chicken
I am dark blue
I love doing things
I fear my noisy alarm
I need quiet

Katie

I am Katie
I am sunny
I am a loaf of bread
I am a blue raccoon
I am a neon pink
I love everything
I fear lightning
I need lots of help

Taylor

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I am Taylor

I am a sun

I am a hot dog

I am a small dog

I am yellow

I love games and VR games

I fear spiders

I need food

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West Primary School
poem created with Tawona Sitholé

The universe is everything we touch
The universe is blazing with colours
There are 40 quadrillion black holes in the universe
The earth is not flat but the universe is
Planets are dark but sometimes colourful
It seems confusing but actually beautiful
Sun was shining with flames when earth was spinning with power
As the stars were shining the earth twinkled in the light
Planets are shiny as can be
Venus
Earth
Neptune
Uranus
Saturn
Venus stands for all the planets
The planets are made out of cheese
The moon is tasty
Galaxy is the best chocolate in the milky way
Milky way is good with Mars
Echoing
Thunderous
We listen when folk talk to us
Mistakes help me to learn and grow
Respect trust honesty
Where everyone succeeds together
West Primary

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West Primary School

poem created with Tawona Sitholé

It was hot when it was young
The sun is a part of the galaxy and so are the planets
All the planets orbit the sun
The earth is not flat but the universe is
Two billion stars shining in the sky
We lay down and watch them fly
Two billion smiles on our faces
As we watch the daisies on the grassy fields
Show respect towards everyone and everything
Clean up the oceans
Stop cutting trees
We are a team
Scientists say the big bang made the universe
Religion says God created the universe
When two things merge it makes a bigger and better thing
Oh! I never knew that the milky way is the biggest galaxy
The universe is 13.7 billion years old
There is a super massive black hole at the heart of every galaxy
There are over 700 quintillion planets
This is confusing
The universe spans a diameter of over 150 billion light years
I was shocked that mercury and mars don't have a moon
Feeling scared that black holes exist in the middle of galaxies
Everything is possible, even the impossible
It will be cold when it grows old

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Woodlands Primary School

poem created with Rachel Plummer

When I was a Star

When I was a star, I played golf with aliens.
When I was a star, I lay on my invisible bed.
When I was a star, I played with my dog, Pluto.
When I was a star, I had Earth muffins for breakfast.
When I was a star, I inspired little kids to stargaze and dream.
When I was a star, I loved to make a yellow star cake.
When I was a star, I played hide and seek and hid on the Moon.
When I was a star, I got sun burn.
When I was a star, my mum left me alone.
When I was a star, the children looked up.
When I was a star, I watched rockets fly by.
When I was a star, I ate the galaxy.
When I was a star, I watched the astronauts jump up and down.
When I was a star, I would burst like a nova.
When I was a star, I would go to a space station to travel planet to planet.
When I was a star, I liked looking down at Earth to see what's going on.
When I was a star, I played football with the planets and won the Universe Cup.
When I was a star, I went on holiday in the Milky Way.
When I was a star, I would sing to the moons.
When I was a star, I floated in the sky all the time waiting for something.
When I was a star, I made a pattern with others.
When I was a star, I had golden limbs.
When I was a star, I would play in a starry place.
When I was a star, I kissed a star to see their magic.
When I was a star, I bounced around.
When I was a star, I went to star school and learned how to explode and make my own universe.
When I was a star, I played Starnite.
When I was a star, I had a pet starfish.
When I was a star, I gave birth to another star.
When I was a star, I shone like luxury.