



Falkirk Canals Classroom



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Literacy on the Canals

Literacy is all around us on Falkirk's canals, from the signs we read to help us navigate them, to when we write about or draw what we see there, to when we talk about our experiences on the water. This section helps students explore literature about the canals, and encourages them to compose their own pieces about the canals.

Falkirk's Canals areas are the perfect place to develop literacy



We read...



We write and draw...



We talk...

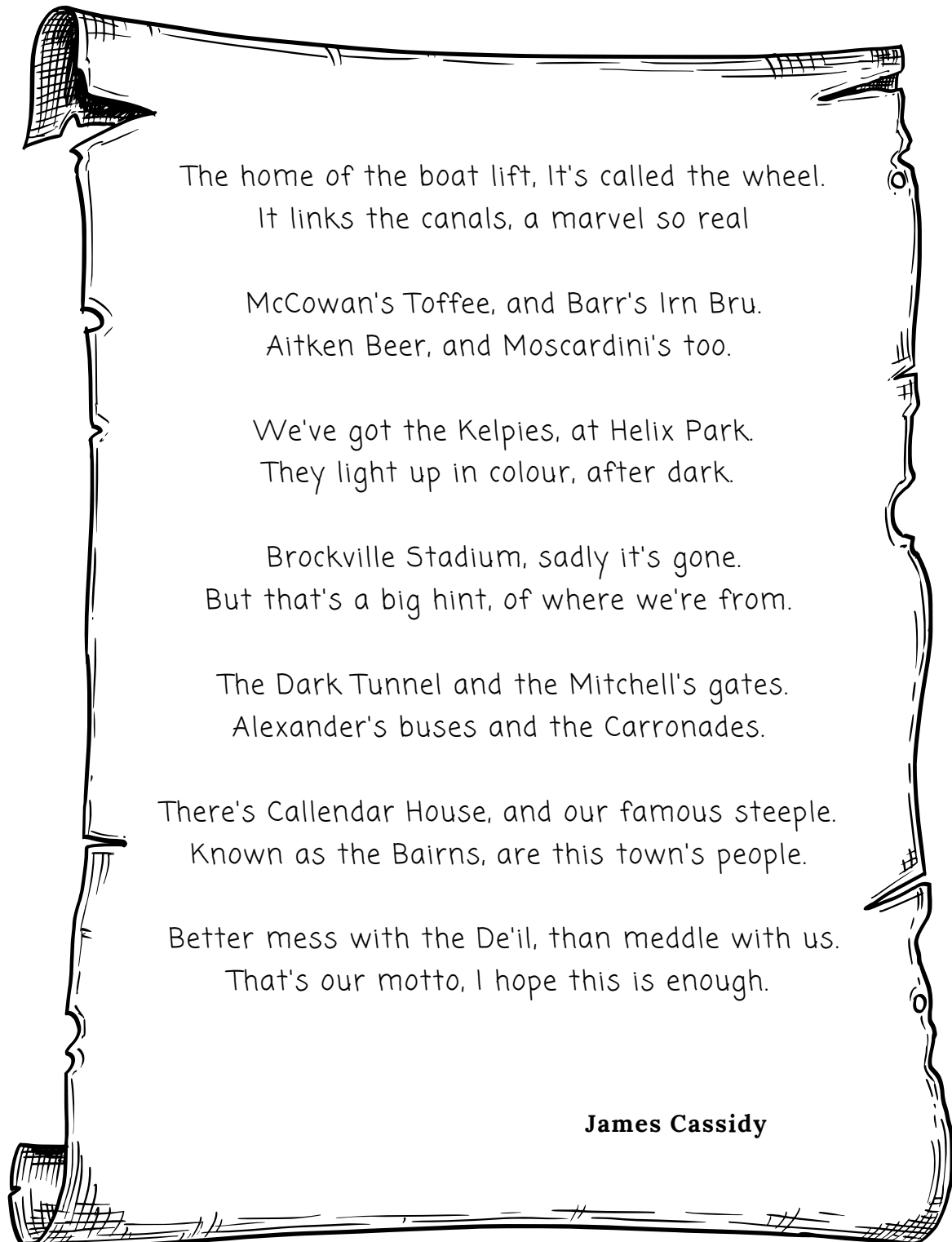


We listen...



We take notes...

Here is a poem written by a Falkirk
resident about their memories of Falkirk.
See how many canal landmarks are
mentioned...



Literacy

You will write about your
experience of being at Falkirk's
canals



Look



- Look at the poem and think about
 - What you've learned so far about Falkirk's Canals
 - What different things are being mentioned
 - What makes a poem/haiku
- Look at what you can remember seeing/doing when you're at the canal

Talk



- Talk about what a poem/haiku is
- Talk about how this poem sounds and what it tells you about the poet
- Talk about different things you might mention

Make



- Make a list of things you might want to include in your own poem/haiku
- Try to create your own poem/haiku using everything you have learned about Falkirk's canals
- Add a drawing next to your poem/haiku of a memory you have whilst being on the canal



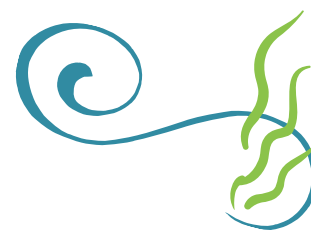
Scrapbook



Congratulations on completing this section of the booklet. Have your teacher tick off your achievements in Literacy

Subject	Code	Description	Achieved
Literacy/ English	ENG 0-12a/ LIT 0-13a/ LIT 0-21a	I explore sounds, letters and words, discovering how they work together, and I can use what I learn to help me as I read or write	<input type="checkbox"/>
Literacy/ English	LIT 1-23a	Throughout the writing process, I can check that my writing makes sense.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Literacy/ English	LIT 2-23a	Throughout the writing process, I can check that my writing makes sense and meets its purpose.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Get active and learn outdoors along the Falkirk Canals



Litterpick

As a group, help pick up litter along the canal – take pride in it, and help keep it tidy!

Count the canal locks

As you walk along the canal, count the canal locks and try to figure out how they work



Bird spotting

Identify all the different types of birds you see at / near the canal



Count the people

Count the people / count the types of transport as you walk along a stretch of the canal



Canal sounds

List the different sounds you hear as you go along the canal



Insect spotting

Count and list the different types of insects you see along the canal