

The Bristol and Bath Railway Path Poetry Project

Members of the Chatterbooks Group at Cadbury Heath library worked with poet Sara-Jane Arbury for the Bristol and Bath Railway Path poetry project. Sara-Jane asked the children to create carriages for an Imagination Train. These poems are based on their thoughts, ideas, words and drawings. Climb aboard!

Inside the **Music and Popstars Carriage**

a big radio plays your Number One song,
popstars sing to you on a flashy stage,
there's a microphone so you can sing along!

The roof's a keyboard, the steps are shakers,
your feet drum a beat when you climb aboard,
take a bagpipe seat and make some noise,
let's rock down the track - and applaud!

It's glittery and sparkly with disco lights,
the colours of the rainbow in this section,
get in the groove while you're on the move,
this carriage only goes in One Direction!

Lauren

Look out! There's a **Wild Animal Carriage**,
black and white striped, like a zebra, see?
You can stroke its fur and hear it purr
as it sets off on the next journey

It has a brown and yellow giraffe frame
and well-oiled coiled snake wheels,
the windows are made of set coconut milk
and the turtle-shell seats have cheap deals!

Jess

The **Chocolate and Sweets Carriage**

has wheels made of red cherries,
surrounded by black liquorice tyres,
faster than purple sloe berries

There's a stripy roof of chocolate bars
with varieties of milk, dark and white,
lollipops and tubes of liquid choc
hold the carriage together, nice and tight

Climb up the stylish Mikado steps,
sit down on squashy marshmallows,
or there are cupcake seats if you prefer
(they have comfortable cherry pillows)

The Choc and Sweets Carriage has its own fuel,
you don't need to use coal, oh no!
Just shovel sour sweets in to speed it up,
and dull sweets to make it go slow...

Chloe

The **Seaside Carriage** is made of sand,
the windows are panes of clear sea,
decorated with constellations of starfish
and swirly seaweed, smelling salty

Hear waves crashing as you relax
on beach towels under umbrellas,
lie down, let your worries slip away,
buy a cornet from ice cream sellers
There's a yellow light in the corner,

feel its warmth upon your face,
it shines down on you like the sun,
makes you glad to be in this place

Eloise

You can't miss the **Witches and Wizards Carriage**,
not even on the darkest nights,
it's painted purple with luminous stripes
that glow like a witch's tights!

Instead of wheels, it has black cat paws
and runs along the track,
so much faster than other trains,
it's never at the back

Passengers sit in cauldrons
but don't worry, you won't be eaten,
just put on a wizard or witch's hat
and settle down to listen

to the Harry Potter theme tune
in this magical carriage of tricks,
but for the best entertainment,
ride up and down on broomsticks!

Charlotte

The **Animal Carriage** might seem a bit scary
the crocodile roof looks kind of hairy
and the monkey inside wants to play a game
and the cat and the dog don't know your name,
but even though it's noisy with barking and howls

and hissing and meowing and grunts and growls,
there's a duck happily paddling in the pond
and a giraffe that wants to make a friendly bond
with you as he sticks his neck out of the top
to see where the train will next make a stop,
it speeds along fast in its own special way
on mouse-powered wheels every night and day!

Thomas

It's easy to see why the
Chocolate, Sweets and Ice-cream Carriage
is everyone's favourite place,
it's made of melted chocolate,
there's enough to fill your face!

The windows are spotty candy,
the wheels are freezing ice-cream,
sit inside on a gummy bear seat
and have a sweetie daydream!

There's an ice-cream pool at the back
if you fancy having a splash,
and a Mouam emergency exit
if you need to leave in a flash!

Jessica

The **Hallowe'en Carriage** invites you in
with windows like teeth and four pumpkin
wheels, cobweb curtains hang low down,
there's a telescope to stare at the next town,
it's like a tail and waves this way and that
as if it's attached to an angry black cat,
the walls are scraped and ripped with claws
of werewolves and vampires - and the jaws
of scary monsters and creepy creatures
that are born with these kinds of features.
So come inside, sit down and hear
spooky music playing loud and clear,
where it comes from nobody knows,
it fills your ears right down to your toes.
The roof is lit with jack-o-lantern lights,
beware of the bats - they like to bite!
The Hallowe'en Carriage wants to say "hello"
so climb on board - now where shall we go?

Rio