



How to write a riddle poem

2 Write down 3 words to describe your animal, insect or creature:

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3 What does it look like?

What does it eat?

Where does it live?

What does it do?

 Use this box to write down any other ideas:

1 Draw your animal, insect or creature in this box:

School and Pupil Information:

Name: Surname: Age:

Teacher's Name:

School Name: Postcode:

Poem Title:

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(Continue on a separate sheet if required, include your name and school)

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Your teacher will
now give you a
planning sheet to
write on or a piece
of paper /
whiteboard to plan
your poem on.



Today you are going to:

- Learn what a riddle is
- Write descriptively about an animal
- Expand your vocabulary
- Plan, draft and write a poem for 'Poetry Safari'



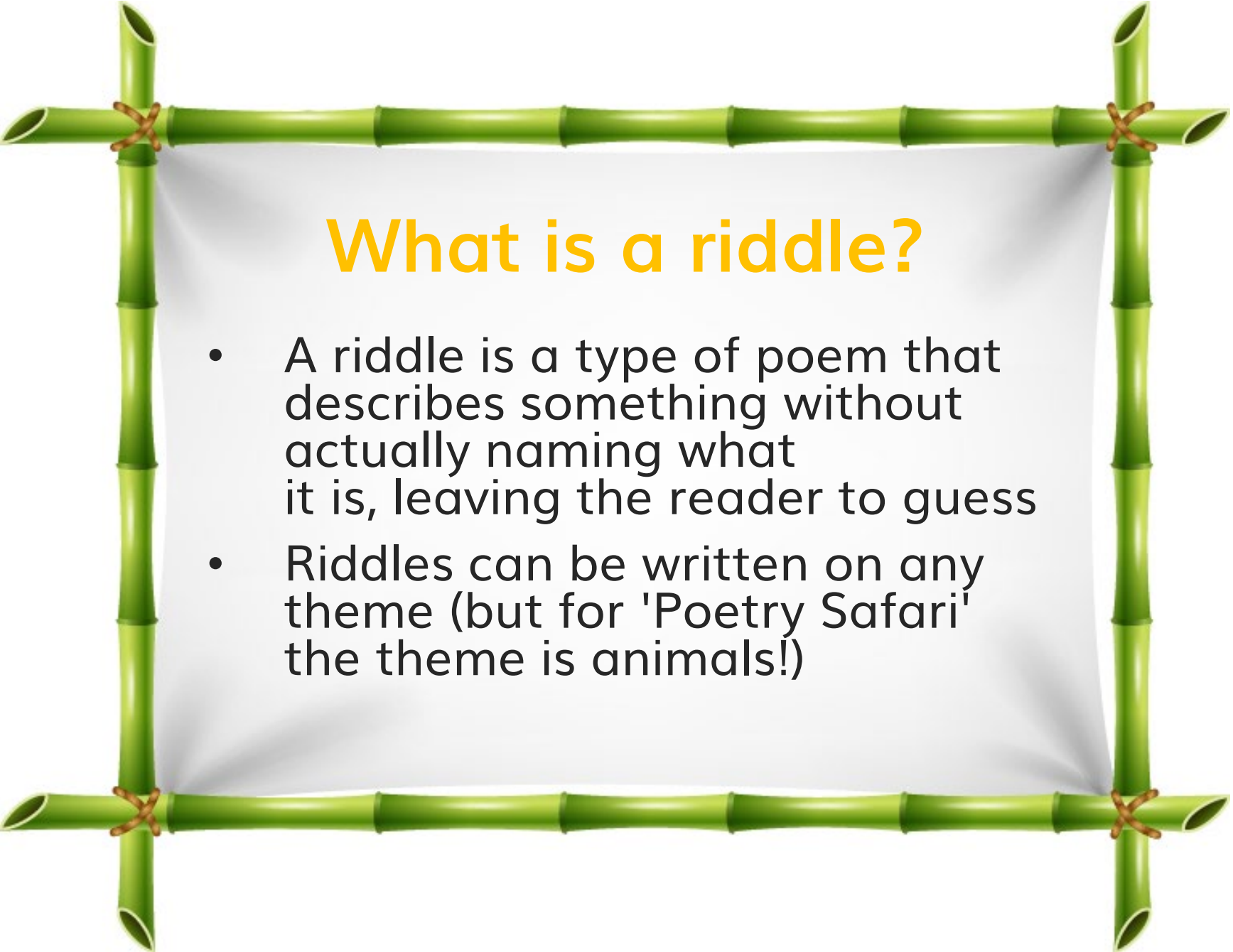
Grab a pencil and your
planning sheet / entry form!

Let's get started!

Here is a video to introduce you
to Poetry Safari...



<https://youtu.be/pGsVTo6ttCl>



What is a riddle?

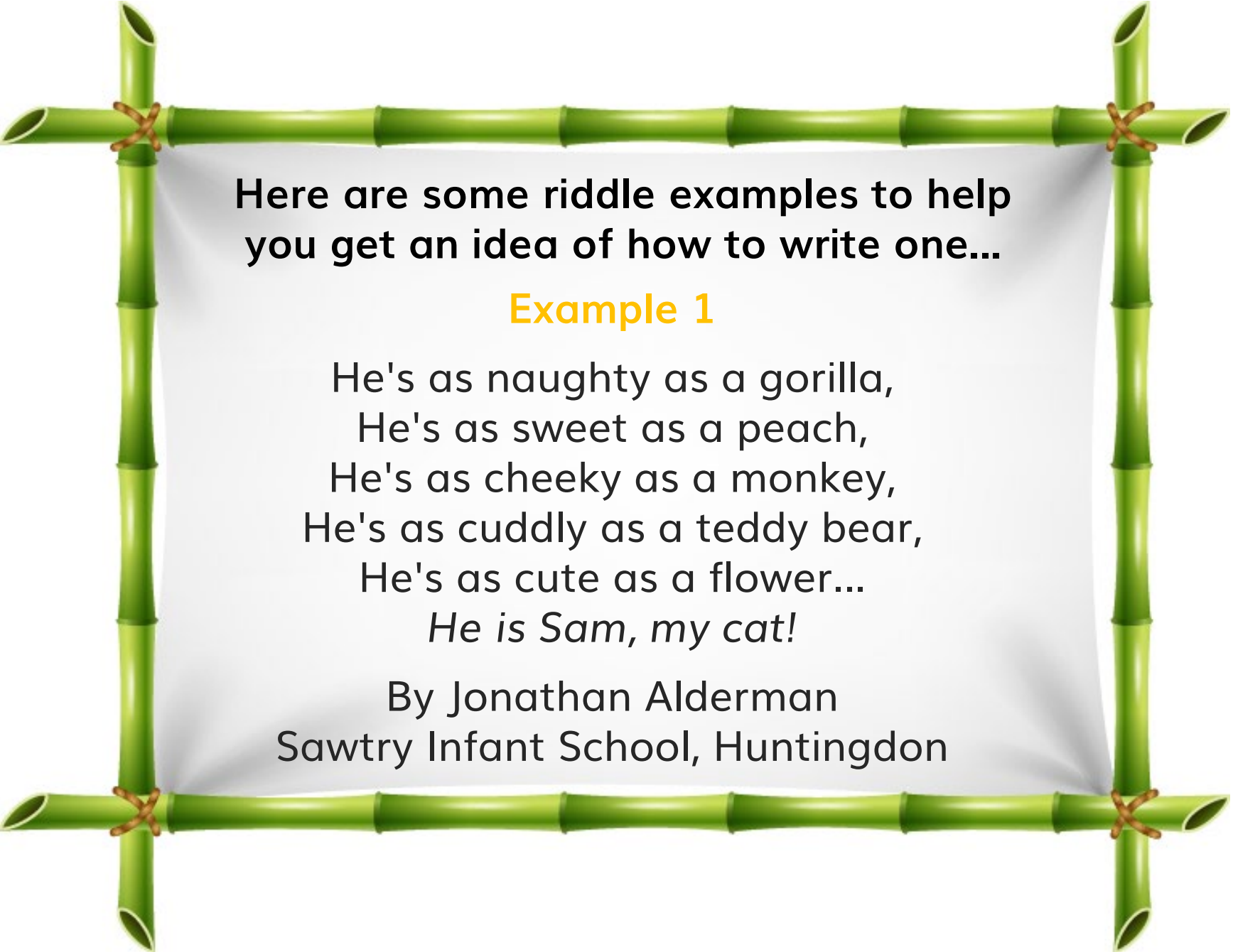
- A riddle is a type of poem that describes something without actually naming what it is, leaving the reader to guess
- Riddles can be written on any theme (but for 'Poetry Safari' the theme is animals!)

How to write a riddle

You have to describe the animal as other things, such as:

- a colour
- a person
- a food
- a season
- a feeling
- a place





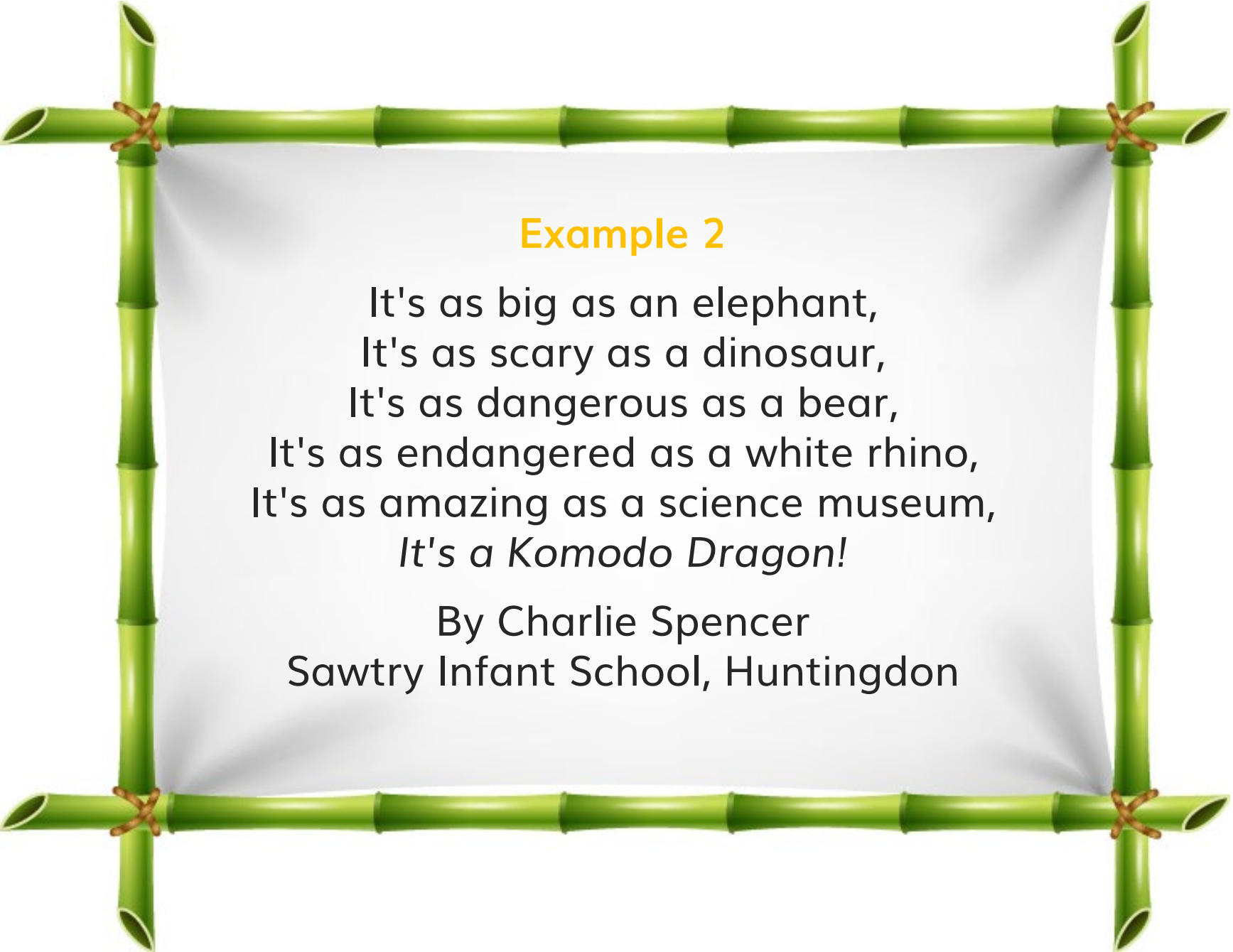
Here are some riddle examples to help
you get an idea of how to write one...

Example 1

He's as naughty as a gorilla,
He's as sweet as a peach,
He's as cheeky as a monkey,
He's as cuddly as a teddy bear,
He's as cute as a flower...

He is Sam, my cat!

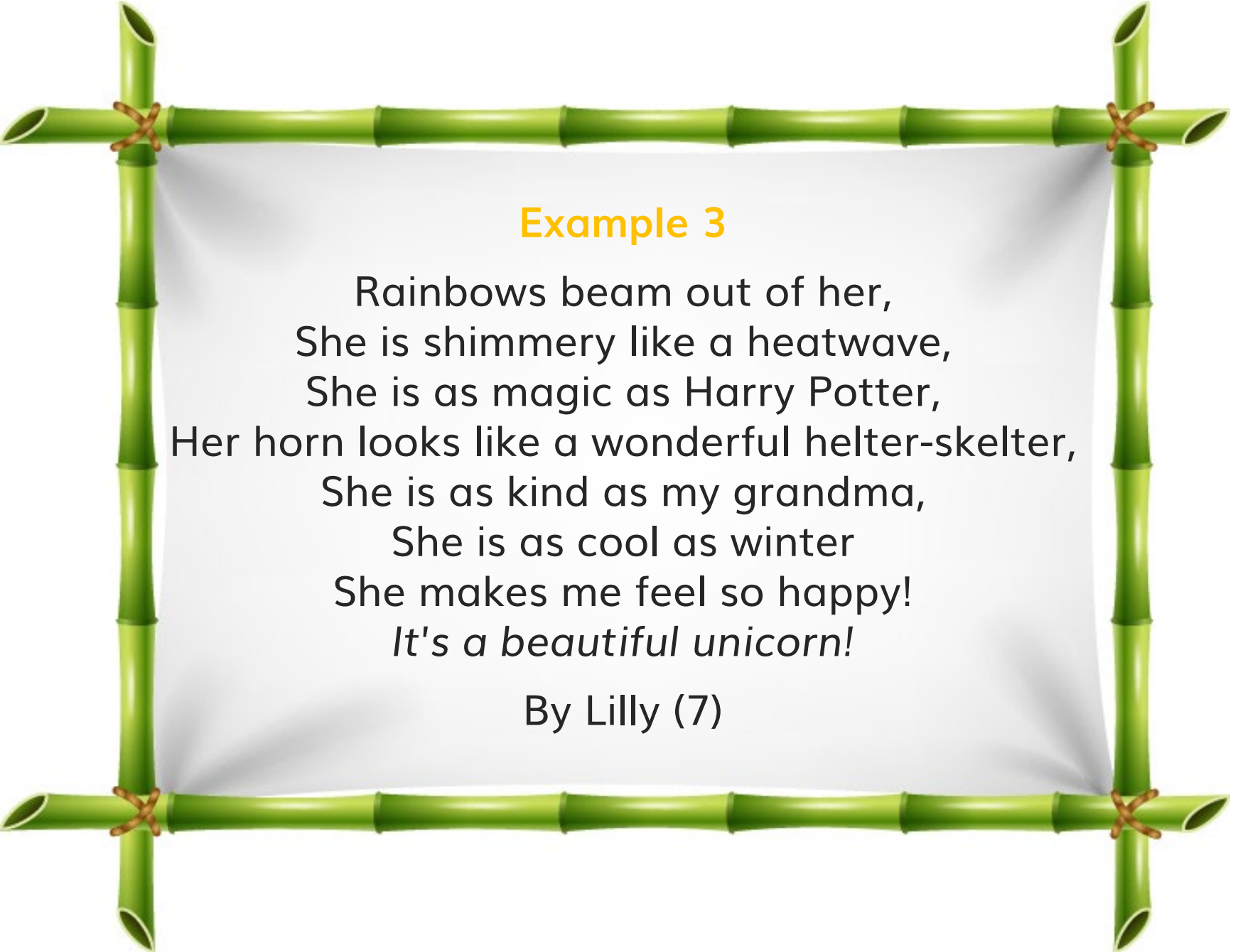
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Example 2

It's as big as an elephant,
It's as scary as a dinosaur,
It's as dangerous as a bear,
It's as endangered as a white rhino,
It's as amazing as a science museum,
It's a Komodo Dragon!

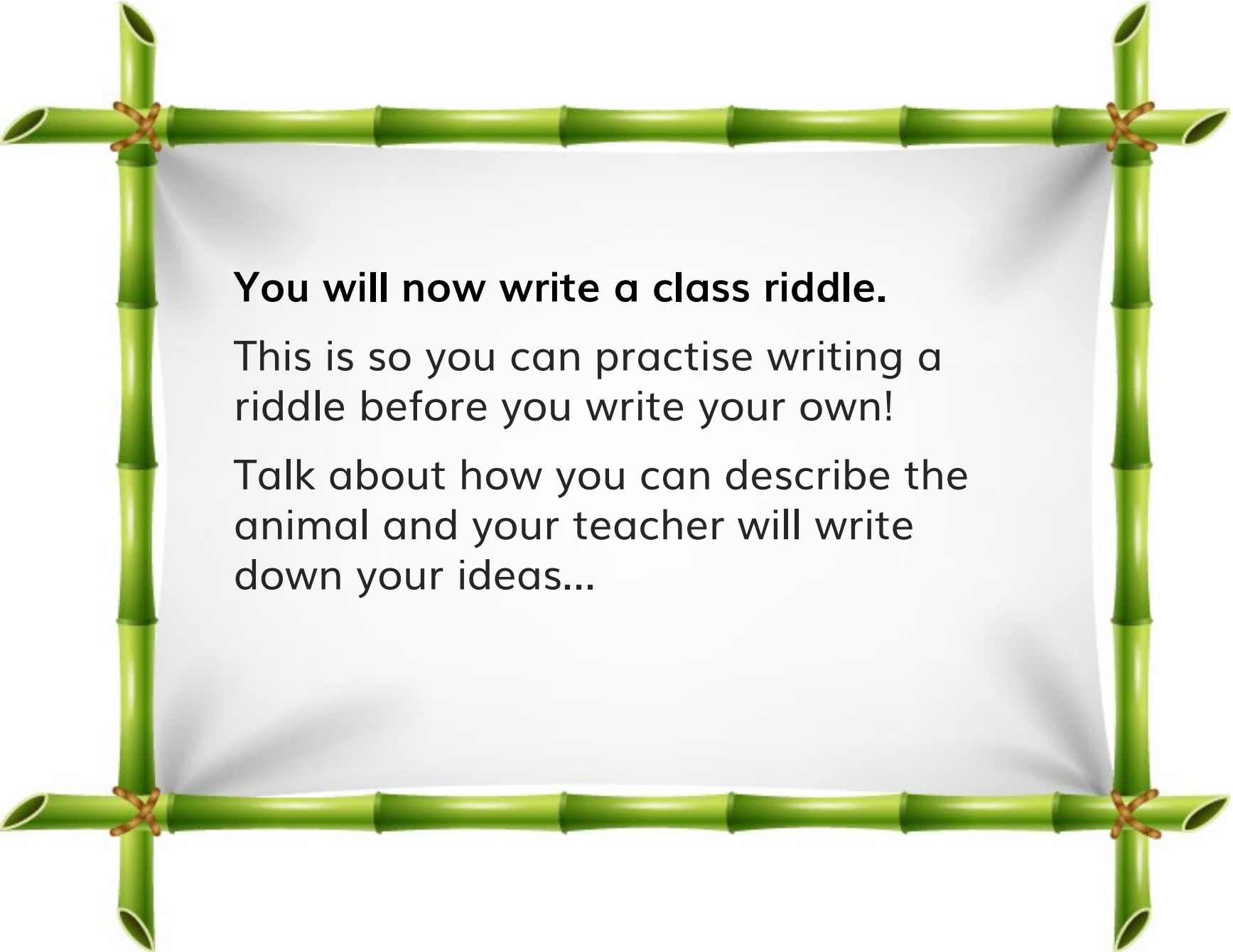
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Example 3

Rainbows beam out of her,
She is shimmery like a heatwave,
She is as magic as Harry Potter,
Her horn looks like a wonderful helter-skelter,
She is as kind as my grandma,
She is as cool as winter
She makes me feel so happy!
It's a beautiful unicorn!

By Lilly (7)

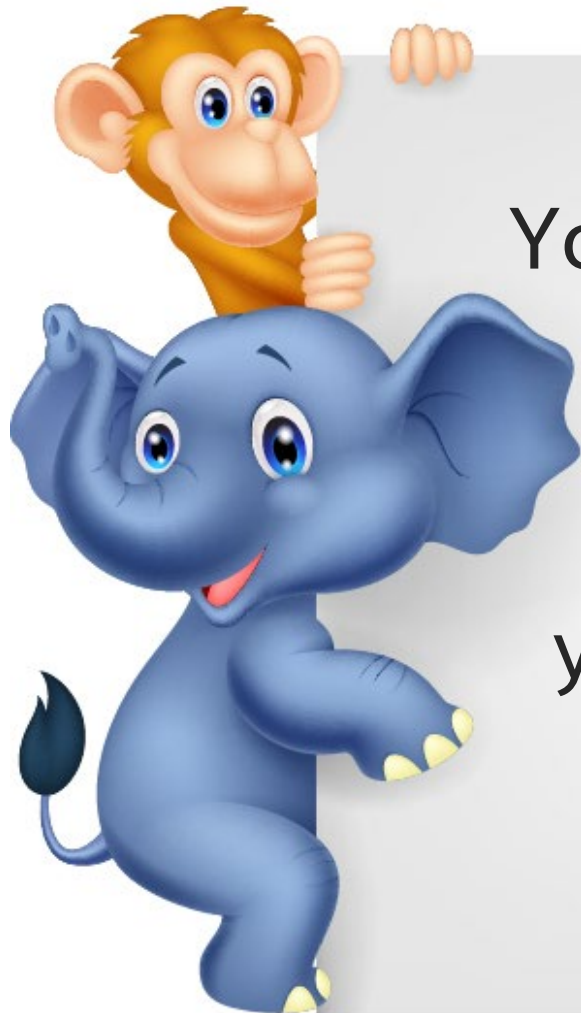


You will now write a class riddle.

This is so you can practise writing a riddle before you write your own!

Talk about how you can describe the animal and your teacher will write down your ideas...

What a fantastic riddle, well done!



You are now ready
to complete
your planning
sheet and write
your own animal
riddle!



Planning your riddle

You can write about any animal you like:

- your pet
- a pet you wish you had
- a wild animal
- a mythical creature
- a crazy creature from your imagination

or your teacher may give you an animal to write about.





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What does it do? ...

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Feedback time!

- Work with a partner
- Read your poem to them
- Your partner is to give you feedback; something they liked about your poem and a suggestion on how to improve it
- You then listen to your partner's poem and give them feedback
- Make any changes to your work before handing your work to your teacher.



**We hope you have enjoyed
writing your poem today!**

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