A. What’s in a name?
By now you have probably played some name games to get to know the other people in your class. We often take our names for granted.

★ Why are they important?
★ Do you like your name or is there another name you would prefer to be called?

Often names have meanings. For example Stella means star, Peter means rock, Stephen means crown, Vijay means victory and Melissa means honey.

Do you know what your name means?

B. Where do names come from?
Sometimes names get passed down through a family, a brother or sister chooses a name, the oldest child in the family always has the same name or you could be named after a favourite film star.

Talk to a partner about:

★ Whether you know what your name means
★ How your name was chosen
★ How you feel about your name

You may then be asked to present what you have learned about your partner to the class.

C. Name poems
Use the letters of your name as the beginning of each line of the poem like this

Killer Kim
International sports star with lots of medals
Making loads of money!

Why do you think this kind of poem is called an acrostic poem?

When you have planned your poem in rough, copy it out in neat and decorate it.