

We will start this half term by exploring **Poetry**.

We are going to be both looking at and listening to a wide range of different poems and establishing what we think poetry is.

We will be writing some poems as a class and in pairs, before having a go at writing some individually.

Take one poem!

Choose a poem that you really like (this could be one from home or school).

Try out the following activities using your poem:

- Try to learn your poem off by heart.
- Find a way to perform your poem. You could use instruments, add actions, or say it in an interesting way e.g. whisper it, rap it, sing it etc.
- Create a map of your poem—draw pictures to help you to remember it.
- Think about the words in the poem. Which words do you like the best? Which are the most effective? How do the words in the poem make you feel?



Wonderful websites

Have a look at the Poetry Archive website. Here you can read and listen to various different poems and can find out about the poets who have written them - <http://www.poetryarchive.org/>

Many poets such as Michael Rosen (<http://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/>) and Roger McGough (<http://www.uktouring.org.uk/rogermcgough/>) have their own websites. Take a look at their websites and watch, listen to, and read some of their poems.

Let's write...

Take a look at your chosen poem again. Can you do one of the following?

- Change a line or verse.
- Add another line or verse.
- Cut the poem up into its separate lines and rearrange their order. Can you create a new poem using these mixed up lines. Which version do you prefer, the original poem or your new creation?
- Can you use the structure of your poem to make a similar one about a different subject.

Whichever of the above activities you choose to do, once completed write out your final poem to bring into class and add to our poetry corner, you could illustrate it too.

Grammar fun

Antonyms

Find out what type of word an antonym is and write a definition.

Think of ten different words and their
antonyms.

If you want an extra challenge have a go at putting the words you
have chosen and their antonyms into a simple
poem.