



Learning Preview English Week



Tuesday 18th- Friday 21st April

What is the theme for English Week?

- This year English Week is all about learning poems by heart and reciting them aloud
- Why not talk to your child about the finger rhymes and actions songs you learnt when you were little? Do you know...Round and Round the Garden, Two Little Dickie Birds, Michael Finnigan or This Little Piggy Went to Market? *Can you teach them any more?*

Why poetry?

- ❖ Being able to hear rhyme, rhythm and alliteration (**S**am's **s**melly **s**ocks) are some of the earliest English skills we develop, starting with Nursery Rhymes as babies, continuing in FS1 and into Y2 and beyond. These form the foundation for our early language skills and prepare us for reading and writing.
- ❖ The National Curriculum outlines '*pupils should be taught to develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by...learning to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart*'. In Year 2 children should '*continue to build a repertoire of poems learned by heart...*'
- ❖ It's lots of fun!

Websites to visit

Some of the poems we'll be learning this week...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lOo315p9WM>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdDWvgX4q0I&list=PLkt1aZj6mw2Uhqhx1qIi4_Epb7br2cQ3X&index=4

<http://www.childrenspoetryarchive.org/poem/boneyard-rap>

Vocabulary



We'll be talking about keeping the **beat** (the constant pulse that does not change, e.g. Humpy Dum-pty sat on a wall) and the **rhythm** (the changing pattern of syllables).

Recite rhymes in the car, in the bath, and on the journey to school each day.

The Book Fair

Visit from Monday 24th April to buy some books and watch the videos of our poetry performances.

Open Classrooms



- **KS1** - Check your child's day on classroom doors and join us for Guided Reading
- **FS2** - Join us for ERIC time (**E**veryone **R**eading **I**n **C**lass) on Tuesday and Wednesday 2:40pm
- **FS1** - ERIC time - Wednesday 8:50am and Thursday 12:15pm.

If you would like more information on our English learning please see our [Curriculum Maps](#) and visit the [Learning Together](#) page on our website.