

Year 4 Term 1 : 2Simple Poetry for Bonfire Night

OBJECTIVES taken from NLS poetry unit Year 4 Term 1.

Adapt suggestions for your class and plans

Objectives

- T7** compare and contrast poems on similar themes, particularly their form and language, discussing personal responses and preferences;
- T8** to find out more about popular authors, poets, etc. and use this information to move onto more books by favourite writers;
- T14** to write poems based on personal or imagined experience, linked to poems read. List brief phrases and words, experiment by trimming or extending sentences; experiment with powerful and expressive verbs;

Suggested Outcomes for the unit

- Children write a poem that makes a picture in the reader's mind through exact language and effective verbs. This can be based on a model read.
- Children redraft own poem and be able to say why the change is an improvement

TEXTS

Use **Developing Tray** example 33 Please to Remember. Introduce other poems on subject of bonfires flames and candles and Divali. There are several in Let's Celebrate by John Foster

Activities

- Introduce the poem Please to Remember using **Developing Tray**. This will mean that the children know the poem really well and will feel a sense of ownership.
- Discuss the pictures that the poem makes in your mind as you read it. Children could sketch the images that they see beside each verse, discuss and compare them. Which verse makes the best picture in their mind?
- Read other poems about fires, flames and candles
- Use pictures of flames and bonfires to collect vocabulary and phrases to do with fire and flames. Experiment with combining or deleting phrases.
- When ready to write, light a candle and ask the children to make notes on exactly what they observe. Discuss and develop vocabulary, looking again at the flame and candle.
- Model how to write a poem using the observations, vocabulary and line starts such as the ones below. These can be written on card and re arranged.

The flame ..
Deep in the centre..
The wax.
Wispy smoke..
When I stare..
It reminds me..

- Change words and order of lines, deleting and discussing to find the best choice
- Use the internet to find out about Walter de la Mere. There are lots of his poems on the internet e.g. at www.poemhunter.com This also has poems about fires and bonfire night.
- Use **2Paint**, **2Publish** or **2Create** to develop a background and illustrations for the finished poem.