

Writing – Summer Week 5 – Home Learning

Session 1

This week, you are going to be thinking about poetry. Nonsense poetry to be exact and a poem called The New Vestments by Edward Lear.

- Watch the YouTube video of the poem being read. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ3nU2s2JEQ> Then read the poem for yourself, (It's part of this document) look carefully at the punctuation at the end of each line as that is where you need to pause before reading the next line. This way you will get the rhythm of the poem.
- When you read the poem, there will be words that you do not know or don't know the meaning of. It is important you understand their meaning so you are going to complete a 'definition' activity. There are some words that will look familiar but are spelt differently to what you would expect, that is because spellings sometimes change over time. You can check your definitions with the answer sheet afterwards.

How to share your learning:

- Write your answers into your exercise book and take a photo of your learning, then upload it to Google Classroom.
- Type your answers directly into the boxes on the page.

Once you've completed the learning, submit it to Google Classroom following these instructions:

1. Go to classroom.google.com
2. Click the class – classwork – the assignment.
3. To attach an item, click 'Add or create' and select 'Google Drive,' 'Link or File' depending on what type of file you have created.
4. The status of your learning will change to 'Turned in.'

The New Vestments

There lived an old man in the kingdom of Tess,
Who invented a purely original dress;
And when it was perfectly made and complete,
He opened the door, and walked into the street.

By way of a hat, he'd a loaf of Brown Bread,
In the middle of which he inserted his head; -
His Shirt was made up of no end of dead Mice,
The warmth of whose skins was quite fluffy and nice; -
His Drawers were of Rabbit-skins; - so were his Shoes; -
His Stockings were skins, - but it is not known whose; -
His Waistcoat and Trowsers were made of Pork Chops; -
His Buttons were Jujubes, and Chocolate Drops; -
His Coat was all Pancakes with Jam for a border,
And a girdle of Biscuits to keep it in order;
And he wore over all, as a screen from bad weather,
A Cloak of green Cabbage-leaves stitched all together.

He had walked a short way, when he heard a great noise,
Of all sorts of Beasticles, Birdlings, and Boys; -
And from every long street and dark lane in the town
Beasts, Birdles, and Boys in a tumult rushed down.
Two Cows and a half ate his Cabbage-leaf Cloak; -
Four Apes seized his Girdle, which vanished like smoke; -
Three Kids ate up half of his Pancaky Coat; -
And the tails were devour'd by an ancient He Goat; -
An army of Dogs in a twinkling tore up his
Pork Waistcoat and Trowsers to give to their Puppies; -
And while they were growling, and mumbling the Chops; -
Ten boys priggged the Jujubes and Chocolate Drops; -
He tried to run back to his house, but in vain,
Four Scores of fat Pigs came again and again; -
They rushed out of stables and hovels and doors; -
They tore off his stockings, his shoes, and his drawers; -
And now from the housetops with screechings descend,
Striped, spotted, white, black and grey Cats without end,
They jumped on his shoulders and knocked off his hat; -
When Crows, Ducks and Hens made a mincemeat of that; -
They speedily flew at his sleeves in trice,
And utterly tore up his Shirt of dead Mice; -
They swallowed the last of his Shirt with a squall; -
Whereon he ran home with no clothes on at all.

And he said to himself as he bolted the door,
'I will not wear a similar dress any more,
Any more, any more, any more, never more!'

Word definitions

Look at the words in the table, can you find out what they mean?

Word	Definition
Drawers	Write or type your answer here.
Stockings	Write or type your answer here.
Jujubes	Write or type your answer here.
Girdle	Write or type your answer here.
Prigged	Write or type your answer here.
Squall	Write or type your answer here.
Hovel	Write or type your answer here.