

Year 3 – Year 4 Homework



Westgarth Primary School
Safe, Fair & Friendly

Term 1, Week 1-2

English – Poetry

The Children's Poetry Archive <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/> is a fantastic resource for students in developing an appreciation for this creative writing genre. Exploring this site will also enable them to listen to some beautiful poems, read aloud by the poets that wrote them!

Reading Task:

Encourage your child to take some time to explore the site, to read and listen to some poetry. They may also like to read some of the biographies of these poets as well.

Writing Task:

This homework task will centre on children composing their own original poem. They may already be inspired enough by the Children's Poetry Archive to begin planning and writing their own, which is fine, love for the written word is often best established with giving children the freedom and a platform to write. If, however they need more support in structuring a poem, you may wish to refer them to the task below.

Write a Haiku Poem

A traditional Japanese haiku is a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. The subject often focuses on images from nature. There are many examples to view online. The beauty is in the simplicity of the text and often even reluctant writers can produce written work to be proud of.

Planning

Consider a topic and brainstorm descriptive words that may be useful. Clap the words out to discover how many syllables are in each. You may like to record this number beside each word. 'Autumn' would be a nice topic for children undecided for a writing idea.

Draft

Write your poem in your Learning from Home writing book.

Revise

Proofread your work. Make any changes that would improve the text and any correct misspellings.

Publish

Type your poem up on a computer or iPad. Add/draw some images that may enhance the presentation. Read aloud your poem to family members.