

Tuesday 30th June 2020

Exploring Poems

Last week, we started looking at poetry. This week, we will explore different types of poetry and write a variety of poems.

There are lots of different types of **poetry**, but they often contain similar ingredients.

Watch this short clip to learn about what to include when you write a poem.  [here](#)



TASK 1

Complete [this](#) quiz on how to write a poem



TASK 2

You need to read the poem 'Baa Baa Naughty Sheep' and answer the questions that follow.

TASK 3

Now have a go at creating your own Villainous Verse **poem**!

Use the writing frame to help you make your poem **rhyme**, then challenge yourself to write another verse independently. (See sheet below)

Villainous Verses

Baa Baa Naughty Sheep



Baa Baa Black was a naughty little sheep,
Who shaved off the wool of his friends asleep.
He sold the wool to the master and dame,
And had some spare for the boy down the lane.
He had so much as he stole the coats,
Of the sheep, Highland cows and the pygmy goats.
When they were tired and were fast asleep,
Baa Baa then awoke and begin to creep.
Off he would cuttety-cut their hair,
Leaving them cold with their skins all bare!

All the wool he shaved! All the wool he sold!
Baa Baa was rich, buying jewels and gold!
The sheep wondered why he had so much money,
Poor and cold – they didn't find it funny.
Baa Baa would smile in his warm black fleece,
Casually looking at his new timepiece.
"What can I say?" he would tease with a grin,
"I'm a lucky black sheep and my luck's right in!"

One fine evening as the animals slept,
A wolf heard the snores and along he crept.
Licking his lips as he spied his dinner,
Wolf wondered why all the sheep looked thinner.
With their coats all gone, the sheep looked small,
So Wolf sniffed around for the biggest of all.
He saw something move that looked big and black:
It was Baa Baa with bags of wool on his back.



Baa Baa was surprised as the Wolf took a bite:
He shouted, "Well I guess this serves me right!"
"How nice that was, it really filled a hole,"
Wolf said later, licking round his bowl.
In the coming weeks, the sheep grew their coats,
And so did the cows and the pygmy goats.
Wolf never came back and they loved their sleep,
If only Baa Baa had been a good black sheep!

Questions

1. When would Baa Baa cut the animals' hair? Tick **two**.

- when they were asleep
- when they were hungry
- when they were cold
- when they were tired

2. 'Baa Baa was rich, buying jewels and gold!' How could Baa Baa afford the jewels and gold?

3. When the animals woke up after they were shaved, they didn't find it funny. Why not? Tick **two**.

- They were scared of Wolf.
- They were cold.
- They didn't like having their coats stolen.
- They were tired.

4. Put these events in time order. Number 1 is the event that happened first and has been done for you.

- 1 Baa Baa makes money from the master and dame.
- Baa Baa fears for his life.
- Baa Baa feels very smug and happy.
- The sheep are not impressed.

5. Why did Wolf choose Baa Baa to eat?

6. Which words best describe Baa Baa in the poem? Tick **three**.

- selfish
- uncaring
- honest
- greedy
- bossy
- thoughtful

7. Do you think Wolf would have eaten Baa Baa if he was a good sheep? Explain your answer as best you can.

Villainous Verses

Write your own Villainous Verse! Let's take the classic nursery rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet' and give it our own villainous twist! Here is the original. The rhyming words are in bold:



Little Miss **Muffet** sat on a **tuffet**
Eating her curds and **whey**,
Along came a **spider**,
Who sat down beside **her**
And frightened Miss Muffet **away**.



Let's turn things around. Instead of the spider scaring Miss Muffet, let's change her name and make her evil! Make sure her new name is easy to rhyme.

OK, now come up with a plan. What will happen in your Villainous Verse? Perhaps Miss Muffet will eat the spider! Maybe she's really a space alien or a zombie...



Note your ideas here.

Ideas

Villain's name: Little Miss _____

Who or what is the victim? _____

Where will it take place? _____

What will happen? _____

Villainous Verses

Let's write the poem! We'll use the original as a writing frame.

	Rhyme A		Rhyme A	
Little Miss _____	↓	sat on a _____	↓	
Eating her _____,				← Rhyme B
Along came a _____,				← Rhyme C
Who _____,				← Rhyme C
And _____.				← Rhyme B

Ready for another verse?

Go for it!
