Monday 4ᵗʰ May

L.K: Using further personification

Personification is a literary skill that is used to give non-human animals and items human characteristics. A characteristic is a behaviour, feeling etc. that something has. A characteristic of a clown, for example, would be that they are happy. Personification can be used to give an animal human characteristics. The sentence below shows an example:

The dog hurried quickly to get home from his walk as it had just started raining heavily".

"Hurrying" is a human characteristics and, by giving the dog this characteristic, we are personifying it. We can use personification even more successfully with non-living things.

The lightning danced across the rain-laden sky".

As lightning is not human (and doesn't have legs…) it cannot possibly "dance"! But, the way in which is moves across the sky can be described as dancing, so we can personify that movement.

Practice this skill with the items and animals below- can you write them into a sentence using personification?

1. Panda
2. Chair
3. Fridge
4. Fly
5. Apple

Now, I would like you to use the picture below along with personification to describe how you think each animal would move or behave. You can also use whatever weather you imagine could be happening in that picture and personify that as well.