

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Year 2 Homework: Poetry

As it has just been National Poetry Day your homework this week is to read poems!

You may have a book of poetry at home, in which case sit and enjoy reading for a while. If you don't, there are some great websites that you might like to have a look at:

<http://www.Poetry4kids.com>

<http://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/> Also check out his Youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/MichaelRosenOfficial>

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/children/> (this site has a 'Poem of the Day' which might interest you)

We have also attached a couple of our favourite poems here for you to read. Happy poetry reading. Let us know your favourite poem!

Mrs French, Mrs Dent and Miss Havercroft

Optional activity: Choose a poem you like, and answer these questions:

What is the name of the poem you have chosen?

Which poet wrote the poem?

What is the poem about?

Why do you like it?

Which ideas from the poem could you use to improve your own poetry?

**Please Mrs Butler**

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps copying my work, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Go and sit in the hall, dear.  
Go and sit in the sink.  
Take your books on the roof, my lamb.  
Do whatever you think.

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps taking my rubber, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Keep it in your hand, dear.  
Hide it up your vest.  
Swallow it if you like, love.  
Do what you think best.

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps calling me rude names, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Lock yourself in the cupboard, dear.  
Run away to sea.  
Do whatever you can, my flower.  
But don't ask me!

**Allan Ahlberg**

## Question Time

By Julia Donaldson

How many books have you written?  
Have you been writing for years?  
Where do you get all the paper?  
Where do you get your ideas?

Do you get bumps on your fingers?  
Do you get aches in your wrist?  
Please can I go to the toilet?  
Did you write "Oliver Twist"?

I've got a book about spiders.  
I've got a cut on my knee.  
I've got an aunt who speaks German.  
Gemma keeps tickling me.

Are you quite old? Are you famous?  
Are you a millionaire?  
I wasn't putting my hand up – I was just twiddling my hair.

How many plays have you written?  
Do you write one every day?  
Do you... oh dear, I've forgotten  
What I was going to say.

Will you be staying to dinner?  
Will you go home on the bus?  
How many poems have you written?  
Will you write one about us?

by Julia Donaldson, published in *Poems to Perform*.