

P5-7 Literacy  
Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Reading:**

Read for 30 minutes every day.

News online, EPIC, recipe books, any book (age / challenge appropriate)

Get involved in BIG READ activities.

Join the Big Book Bletcher on a Friday with Mrs Jardine!

**Spelling Workout** – keep working out your spelling 10 mins every day.

## Simile

What is a Simile?

A Simile is the figure of speech that compares two things by using the words *like* or *as* something else.

Examples of Similes:

*White as a ghost.*

*Swims like a fish.*

*Runs like a cheetah.*

*Slippery as an eel.*

A simile can be as descriptive as the writer chooses.

Examples of more descriptive Similes:

*He was as brave as a lion in a fight.*

*He was as angry as a bull at a red flag.*

*He swam like a fish through rough waters.*

## Poem

Similes are used in poetry to create different effects; to create an image in the reader's mind of what the writer is describing.

Choose an animal.

Write a poem describing the animal using similes.

Try to only mention the animal in the title—use similes to give the reader clues to the animal's identity.

Examples over the page to help you to think about creating your poem.

Branch out—write about the weather, a family member or the view from your window.

## High Quality Vocabulary

### (Big Words):

Look up the meaning of these words in a dictionary.

Then use each word in an interesting and entertaining sentence:

**miniscule**

**transparent**

**infantile**

**loathsome**

**bustling**

**spherical**

## Listening and Talking

Watch an episode of BBC Newsround:

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch\\_newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround)

In discussion with a family member:

Summarise the main news stories featured in your episode.

State which feature interested you most—explain why?

Think up three further questions you would have asked someone who was interviewed.

Explain why they usually finish with a 'feel good' news story.

## Simulation / roleplay activities - news broadcast

You are going to broadcast a news report from your house.

The news must be impartial (you must report all sides of the story—not just your views - no persuading!)

You must plan and write your news report before you record and broadcast. (Reporters often have an auto-cue which displays the script they have to read)

**Make news:** Take an everyday family event and report it like it is the big news story of the day. For example: Dad makes a sandwich, Mum has an extra biscuit, Gran cuts the grass.

Retell a favourite story from your younger years as a news report. Be impartial - is the wolf the baddy in Red Riding Hood? Not in your news report.

## Quick Writing:

15 mins (on a timer) write as quickly and as much as you can on the subject below.

+2 mins to check punctuation and spelling.

About world leaders—what impression are they making on you?

10 Things that always make you feel better

Letter to a friend you are missing

Letter to a family member you are missing

**REMEMBER:** no lists, good description, feelings – humour, anger etc., questions for the reader...

## Firework

By Katy Perry

Do you ever feel like a plastic bag,  
Drifting through the wind  
Wanting to start again?  
Do you ever feel, feel so paper thin  
Like a house of cards,  
One blow from caving in

## I Wander Lonely as a Cloud

By William Wordsworth

I WANDERED lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Fish,  
Darting through the current,  
Like arrows to a dartboard,  
Tabbing at the waves.  
Jenny Tuffrey

Twinkle, twinkle little star,  
How I wonder what you are  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.

Here are some examples of poems and song lyrics with similes.

I had a go at writing a poem with similes about my dog.

I overused similes (four!) as this is our focus.

Can you spot similes in songs you like or in the book you are currently reading?

Lying on the carpet,  
Woolly as a sheep before  
clipping.  
As excitable as a three year  
old before a party,  
Mad as a box of frogs,  
Always as welcoming as a  
loving hug.  
My dog Bailey