

Sunny Poems

Just as stories and songs can be a very powerful learning tool for any topic so too can poetry enhance learning in a particular area.

As a starter to this activity, research and find as many poems as you can with the sun or weather as the theme or link.

What You Need to Do:

Put together a portfolio of poems in different styles with a "sunny" theme. Illustrate your work with appropriate illustrations.

This activity investigates how the sun has and can be used to stimulate imaginative writing.

- Read or tell a variety of stories and poems about the sun.
- See if you can tell the difference between stories and poems, and what makes a poem.

List all the things the sun can do - both good and bad

Write a poem about the sun and what it can do.

Create 'What am I?' poems e.g. *I can light up the world, I can cause droughts etc.*

Experiment with 'Acrostic writing' where the first letter is given and a sentence developed from the letter:

S _____

O _____

L _____

A _____

R _____

P _____

O _____

W _____

E _____

R _____

Illustrate your work, then read or recite it out loud.

Experiment with the Diamante format for poem writing and write an energy poem:

Title

Line 1 repeats the title

Line 2 gives two words to describe the energy source

Line 3 uses -ing words to tell how it changes energy

Line 4 is one sentence that gives a fact about the energy source

Line 5 gives three words that tell where the energy source can be found

Line 6 gives one advantage and one disadvantage of the energy source

Line 7 repeats line one