Guided Reading - Task 1

In Writing this week, you're writing a poem about animals. One of the poems you're looking at is 'The Eagle' by Lord Alfred Tennyson – so your task in Guided Reading is to memorise it!

The Eagle by Lord Alfred Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands; Close to the sun in lonely lands, Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls; He watches from his mountain walls, And like a thunderbolt he falls.



Glossary

crag - a steep cliff

ring'd - ringed (encircled by a ring)

azure – bright blue

Tips for memorising a poem

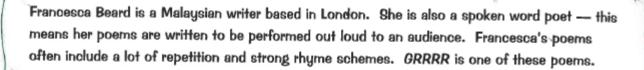
- Read the poem out loud a few times to get the feel for the tone, the rhyme, and the rhythm.
- Build a storyline of the poem in your head.
- Make a connection between every verse, especially the ones that start with new sentences e.g. he stands -> the wrinkled sea.
- Memorise the words that rhyme with one another e.g. hands, lands, stands.
- When you memorise a new line, always start to recite from the very beginning.
- Take a break, grab a snack and read the poem out loud again several times.

50 HP if you record a video of yourself reciting the poem off by heart and send it to your teacher!

Guided Reading - Task 2

Read through this poem, answer the questions on the following page and mark your answers, which are on the page after that.

GRRRR



If you smile then I will glare,

If you're sad then I don't care,

If you tell me I've been bad, I will say 'Oh good, I'm glad!'

- 5 I don't want to, I don't like you!
 - If you touch me, I will bite you!
 - If you try to calm me down, I will roll round on the ground.
 - If you try to make me stop, I will scream until
- 10 I DOD
 - If you shh me, I will yell and yeLL and yELL and YELL!
 - I don't want to, I don't like you!

 If you touch me, I will bite you!

- 15 If you try to make me eat, I'll spit my food out on the floor,
 - If you try to make me sleep, I'll bang my head against the door.
 - If you sing a lullaby, I'll join in the key* of Y!
- 20 I don't want to, I don't like you!
 If you touch me, I will bite you!
 - I'm the worst there's ever been, I'm the worst you've ever seen,
 - I'm a single-handed RIOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(Now I'm ready to be quiet)

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Glossary

key — the pitch a piece of music is written in

1	Why do you think the poet chose the title "GRRRR"?	
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2	Find two pairs of words that rhyme in lines 1-4.	
		2 marks
3	The word "yell" is written in four different ways on lines 11 and 12. Why do you think the poet chose to do this?	
		I mark,
4	Why do you think there are so many exclamation marks after the word "riot" (line 2	24)?
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5	Why do you think the poet put the last line of the poem in brackets?	
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6	Who do you think is talking in the poem? How can you tell?	
		2 marks
7	Would you like to meet the narrator? Explain your answer.	
		2 marks
	Total out of 10	

Answers

- 1. E.g. Because 'GRRRR' is an angry noise and the person speaking in the poem sounds angry.
- 2. glare and care; bad and glad
- 3. E.g. To show that the word should be read more loudly each time.
- 4. E.g. To show how angry the narrator is.
- 5. E.g. To make the last line seem calm and quiet.
- 6. E.g. I think a young child is talking, because the narrator is having a tantrum, and children often have tantrums. The narrator also mentions being fed and being sung a lullaby, which are things that parents often do for their children.
- 7. Any appropriate answer. E.g. No. I think the narrator sounds like trouble because they always want to do the opposite of what they're asked. They also sound very loud. OR E.g. Yes, because I think the narrator sounds funny. I'd like to see whether they would do all the things that they threaten to do.

Guided Reading - Reading for pleasure task (optional)

If you are reading to your parent, ask them to ask you some of these questions about the book you are reading:

Vocabulary

Find and explain the meaning of words in context

Example questions

- What do the words and suggest about the character, setting and mood?
- Which word tells you that....?
- Which keyword tells you about the character/setting/mood?
- Find one word in the text which means......
- Find and highlight the word that is closest in meaning to......
- Find a word or phrase which shows/suggests that......