

English for week beginning 23rd March

In My Springtime Box

Read 'In My Magic Box', a poem by Kit Wright (below)

You could practice reading it in a mirror and then perform it for someone at home.

The Magic Box by Kit Wright.

I will put in the box
the swish of a silk sari on a summer night,
fire from the nostrils of a Chinese dragon,
the tip of a tongue touching a tooth.

I will put in the box
a snowman with a rumbling belly,
a sip of the bluest water from Lake Lucerne,
a leaping spark from an electric fish.

I will put into the box
three violet wishes spoken in Gujarati,
the last joke of an ancient uncle,
and the first smile of a baby.

I will put into the box
a fifth season and a black sun,
a cowboy on a broomstick
and a witch on a white horse.

My box is fashioned from ice and gold and steel,
with stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.
Its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

I shall surf in my box
on the great high-rolling breakers of the wild Atlantic,
then wash ashore on a yellow beach
the colour of the sun.

You can listen to Kit Wright reading it here
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zkpmhyc>

Have a think about what you would put in your box if yours was a 'Springtime Box'

Think about sounds, tastes, smells and natural things that happen and appear at springtime.

Collect sentences into 3 different groups

Group1:

Alliteration - when most of the words start with the same sound, like 'leaping lambs on lands of green'

Group2:

Similes - when things are compared, like 'white petal showers like snow falling from the sky'

Group 3:

Expanded noun phrases - when more than one adjective is used to describe something, like 'droplets of water caught in a web like precious diamonds laced into a web'

Use adventurous, imaginative and descriptive language.

Start each verse with:

I will put in my springtime box...

Then take 1 sentence from each group to create each of the 3 verses like this:

I will put in my springtime box...

Leaping lambs on lands of green

White petal showers like snow falling from the sky

Droplets of water caught in a web like precious diamonds woven into lace

End your poem by describing what your springtime box is made from and what it looks like.

Use your English book to plan your poem, then write your poem up neatly and decorate it.

Have fun and we can't wait to read them!