

Poetry

We will focus on the poem 'A Garden at Night' by James Reeves.



During this we will:

Use Captain Comparison's skills to draw comparisons with 'Last Night I saw the city breathing' by Andrew Fusek Peters

Use Captain Comparison's skill to consider how a daytime garden scene might differ.

Write our own garden inspired free verse poetry.



Hidden Gardens

Novel Study

We will read 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by Philippa Pearce.

During this we will:

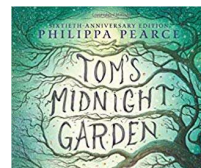
Use Dark Decoder's skills to work out the meaning of new vocabulary.

Use Summarising Shadow's skills to recap the key events of the story.

Use Captain Clue Hunter's skills to make inferences about how the main characters feel about events in the story.

Write letters and diary entries from the point of view of the main character.

Create our own garden setting and write an original scene where a character encounters it for the first time.



Comprehension

We will find out about the 'Case of the Cottingley Fairies'.



During this we will:

Use Dark Decoder's skills to work out the meaning of new vocabulary.

Use Captain Clue Hunter's skills to work out whether the case was a fraud.

Top 5 Linked Texts

The Pleasure Garden by Leon Garfield

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Feature Focus

Expanded noun phrases with prepositions

Simile, metaphor and personification

Precise language to evoke feelings

Adverbials including time, manner, place and conjunctive

Poetic devices such as refrain and onomatopoeia

Formal scientific language

Non-Fiction

We will build on our science quest by reading texts based on life cycles of garden animals and plants.

During this we will:

Use Rocket Retriever's skills to find key information.

Use Captain Comparison's skills to compare and contrast life cycles of different types of animals.

Write an explanation text describing the different stages of life cycles.