

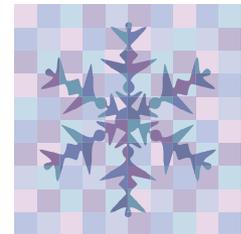
**YEAR THREE**

**CHRISTMAS POETRY**



# The Snowman

Once there was a snowman  
Stood outside the door,  
Thought he'd like to come inside  
And run around the floor;  
Thought he'd like to warm himself  
By the firelight red;  
Thought he'd like to clamber up  
On that big white bed.



So he called the North Wind, "Help me now I pray.

I'm completely frozen, standing here all day."

So the North Wind came along and blew him in the door -

And now there's nothing left of him

But a puddle on the floor.

*Anon*



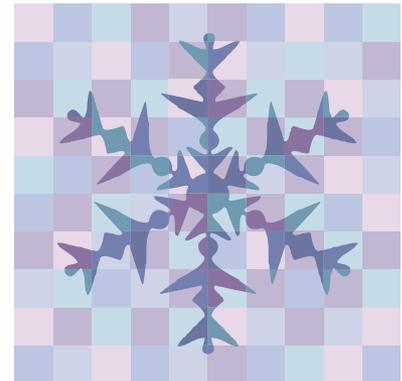
# DISCUSSION

- What images are created by the language choices?
- What has the poet used to make the poem interesting?
- How could you have used alliteration in this poem? Jot down your ideas.

# Example of a Haiku

Snowman in a field  
listening to the raindrops  
wishing him farewell

*Roger McGough*



# Haiku!

- A Haiku must have 3 lines
- Count the number of syllables in each line
- 5      7      5

# Christmas at the Zoo

Early Christmas morning.  
Christmas at the zoo,  
They've all hung up their stockings -  
The gorilla and the gnu,  
The walrus and the crocodile,  
The skunk, the kangaroo.

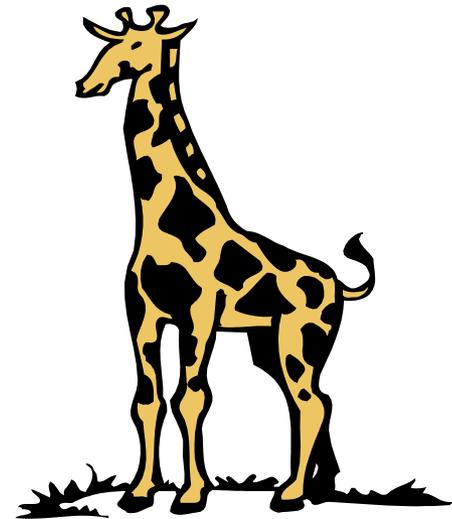


Let's see what Santa's brought them  
To unwrap on Christmas Day -

Balloons for the baboons,  
Toothpicks for the crocs,  
Ribbons for the gibbons,  
Skis for the Arctic fox,  
For the octopus in the aquarium  
Four pairs of woolly socks.



There's a joke book for the hyena -  
Hyenas love to laugh -  
A jumper for the kangaroo,  
And as for the giraffe -  
A very, very, very, very,  
Very long scarf.



# WINTER

Winter's when -

Pipes freeze;

Noses sneeze;

Twigs snap;

Lips chap;

Birds hide;

Feet slide;

Tears quiver;

Legs shiver;

Can't run;

No sun – Brr-rrr!



# Write your own “when” poem

- Your poem must begin with the words Christmas is when ...
- Each line of your poem will have two words, a noun followed by a verb e.g. Tinsel sparkling, star shining
- Try to make your poem at least 12 lines long.
- Think of an interesting conclusion to your poem.



# THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas I won't buy a tree,  
I'll stretch my arms instead,  
And stand up in the window  
With a fairy on my head,  
With tinsel wrapped all round me  
From my shoulders to my toes,  
And presents piled up to my knees,  
And glitter on my nose.

*Richard Edwards*



# Nativity Play

This year ...

This year can I be Herod?

This year, can I be him?

A wise man  
or a Joseph?

An inn man  
or a king?



This year ...  
Can I be famous?  
This year, can I be best?  
Bear a crown of silver  
and wear a golden vest?  
This year ...  
Can I be starlight?  
This year, can I stand out?



Can I feel the swish of curtains  
and hear the front row shout  
"Hurrah" for good old Ronny  
he brings a gift of gold  
head afire with tinsel  
"The Greatest Story Told ..."  
"Hurrah for good old Herod!"  
and shepherds from afar.  
So - don't make me a palm tree  
And can I be - a Star?



# ACROSTIC POEMS

- An acrostic poem can be read downwards as well as across.
- The initial letters should make up the title of the poem.
- It is a useful way of writing poems connected to the seasons, celebrations or months of the year.
- Acrostics can be a simple type of list poem, ideas can be expanded and they can also rhyme.

Crackers

Holly

Rudolph

Ivy

Stockings

Tinsel

Mince pies

Angels

Stars



CHRISTMAS!

Carols sung loud and clear,  
Holly wreaths on every door,  
Robin singing merrily,  
Ice and snow sparkling,  
Santa loading up his sleigh,  
Trees in windows shining bright,  
Mince pies baking in the oven,  
A special star shining,  
Stockings hung up ...  
It's CHRISTMAS



Carol singing in the frosty air,

Holly wreaths are everywhere.



Reindeer galloping across the sky,

Icy cold snowflakes twirling by.

Stockings hang on the end of beds,

Trees decorated in gold and reds.

Mince pies ready, delicious and hot,

A baby in a manger cot.



Star that guides kings all the way ...

that's Christmas Day!

# **Your Learning Challenge!**

**Can you write an acrostic?**

- **You are going to write your own acrostic using the word CHRISTMAS.**
- **Your acrostic will be a list poem, each line must have at least 2 words.**
- **You could choose words that rhyme if you want to.**