

## Year 2 home learning week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020



### Literacy

This week, we are going to look at a poem and then have a go at writing our own poem:

#### Activity 1

Read the poem below:

#### **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 in 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 in 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 watch a video of the poet, Kit Wright, reading the poem here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zkpmhyc>

With someone in your house, talk about the poem and answer these questions:

What is your favourite item in the magic box? Why?

Is this a happy or sad poem? What makes you think that?

## Activity 2

Now we are going to write our own poem based on The Magic Box!

Write down your nine favourite things, people or places:

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Use the items above to organise your poem into three verses, starting each verse with 'I will put in the box...' Here is a template that you could use.

I will put in the box \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_

I will put in the box \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_

I will put in the box \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_

You can use more or less items to make your poem longer or shorter if you like.

To add some more to your poem, you could also think about:

What is your box made of? Kit Wright's is made of ice and gold and steel.

What is on or in your box? Kit Wright's has stars on the lid and secrets in the corners.

What else can you add? Kit Wright has added that its hinges are the toe joints of dinosaurs.

Use your imagination. You can choose anything you like!