

## Summer Half Term 5 Destination Reader

### Week 1, Day 1: Poetry

This might not sound serious

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but I don't like my laugh.

It sounds like a hyena  
that's got a bad cough

and sometimes I hiccough  
then that makes me giggle

so I'm choking and whooping  
with spits in the middle.

I've tried every cure  
from thinking of death

to holding my nose  
to stop-off my breath

but nothing will change it  
nothing will work

whatever I've tried  
seems to make my laugh worse

my barking gets louder,  
the hiccoughing giggles

rise to rhino-staccato,  
drop to jellyfish-dribbles.

When the circus is over,  
I'm weak and wet through.

It's hard work is laughing  
when your laugh's like a zoo.

## Vocabulary:

Use a dictionary, or an online dictionary to find out what these words mean:

1. Whooping
2. Hiccough

Can you see any made-up words in this poem? What are they?

# Our reading strategy is Making Connections

## What is making connections?

### Why do we make connections?

Using what we already know from our experience, other texts or the world to help us understand what we have read.

Making connections can help us to engage and understand what we are reading and make it clearer in our mind.

## What makes good connections?

You might make connections when you read to:

- Yourself – you have done something or seen something similar
- Texts – you might have read or felt similar through another story etc.
- World – our wider knowledge of the world

### Making connections Stems

#### Links text to self:

I know a lot about this because I've been to / seen ...

I saw a programme about this I can identify with this character because .....

#### Links text to text:

I think this book is a (genre) book.

This reminds me of ...

This is similar to

This character is similar to ... because

#### Links text to world:

This links to ...

This is because ...

## Key Questions:

Does this poem remind you of anything you have seen or heard before?

Does the poet's behaviour when she's trying to stop laughing remind you of anyone?

Has there ever been a time when you tried to hold in your laugh? What happened?

## Making links plenary task



Describe a time when you or someone else had a fit of the giggles and couldn't stop laughing.

**CHALLENGE:** What do you think the poet was laughing at?