

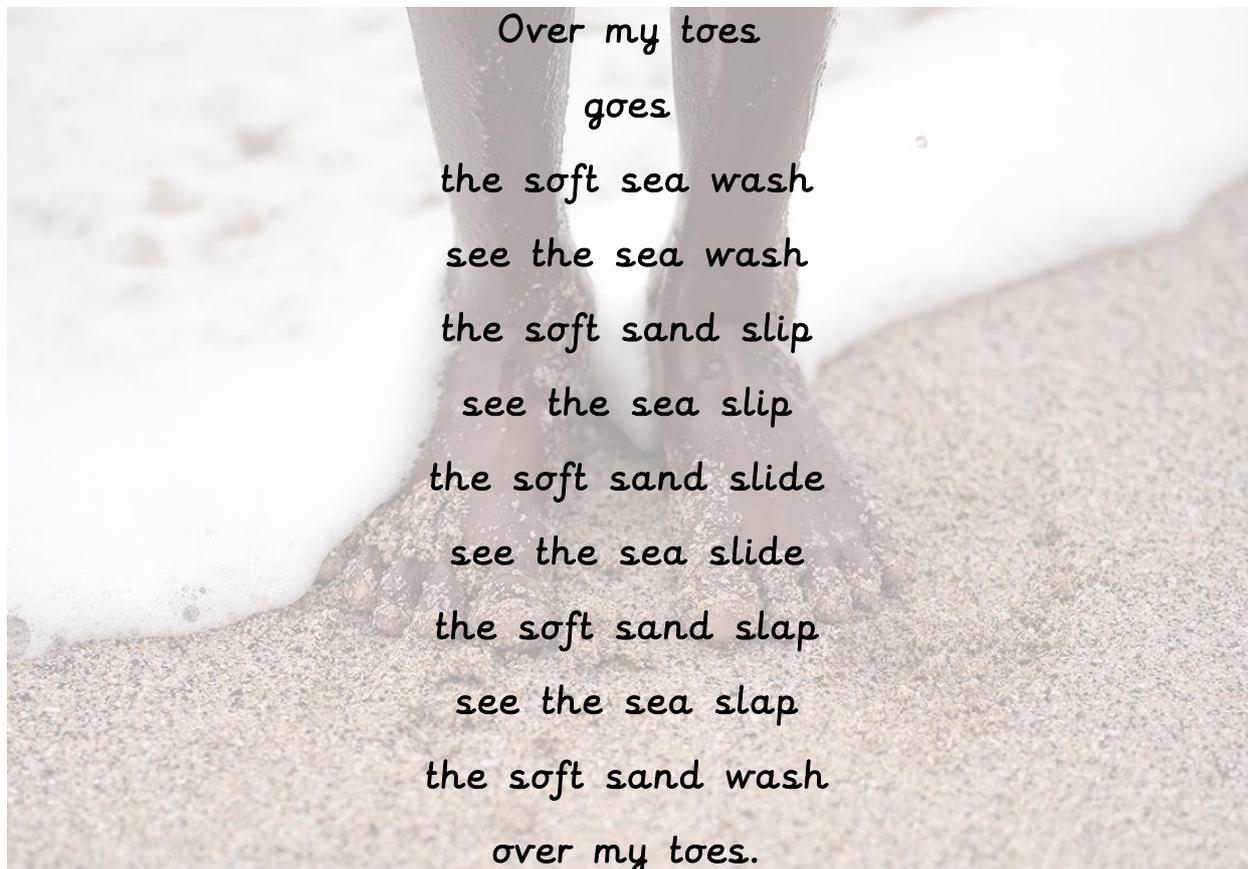
Monday 1st March

Reading Poems

This week in English we are looking at poetry. Today we have a couple of poems to read with someone at home. Hope you enjoy them!

Have you ever stood on a beach on the sea's edge, and let the water wash over your feet? What does it feel like? What does it sound like? I think Michael Rosen must have been thinking about this when he wrote this poem...

Over My Toes by Michael Rosen



Read the poem a few times, then try these tasks to explore it...

1. How many words in this poem start with the letter 's'?
2. Find words and phrases that repeat. Highlight or colour them (lightly!) with the same colour.
3. What is the same about these two words? What is different? Draw a picture for each to show what they mean.

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The Sound Collector by Roger McGough

A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away

The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock

The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes

The hissing of the frying pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bathtub
As it starts to fill

The drumming of the raindrops
On the windowpane
When you do the washing-up
The gurgle of the drain

The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair

A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same

I like this poem because it makes me think about lots of everyday sounds that I don't normally notice. If you would like to hear Roger McGough reading his poem, you can follow this link here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zc6qxn6>

Here are some things you could do to explore this poem...

1. Onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like what it means, for example 'drip', 'quack' or 'pop'. Highlight or colour some examples of onomatopoeia in this poem.
2. Thinking about both poems, do you think poems should rhyme?