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LO: To create a poem using rhyming couplets.

We are starting a new English topic - poetry.

We will be learning about all kinds of different poems and will be creating our own versions too. Today we are learning about rhyming couplets.

A lot of poems use rhyming. Words that rhyme must have the same final sounds, even if they aren't spelt the same. For example, throne and blown. They both have the same sound, so it doesn't matter that they are spelt differently. If ever you're unsure if two words rhyme, say them out loud and try to hear it or ask someone else to say them to you while you listen.

Rhyming couplets are where every two lines are coupled up so that they rhyme. Here is an example:

The Selfish King

The king was rich but **cruel,**

He perched on his throne-like **stool,**

And watched over his **town,**

From sun-up to **sun-down.**

His people were not **fans,**

They had a cunning **plan,**

To upset their selfish **king,**

And play a prank on **him...**

So, on his chair they **hid,**

A slimy, squirming **squid!**

The king jumped into the **air,**

Frightened, terrified, **scared,**

He ran far, far **away**

And was never seen **again!**

Do you see how the rhymes are in couples? These are rhyming couplets. Some of them are half-rhymes, meaning they don't fully rhyme but are very close. Half-rhymes are fine to use, but only if you use them every so often.

Task:

Today, I would like you to create your own poem using rhyming couplets about a king or a queen. You can make them up if you want to and make sure your poem has a title.

Try to maintain a good rhythm and pace and make sure each rhyme is in couples. I'd love it if you could then read your poem out and video it to put on Seesaw. Have fun!