

Amazing Earth!

Earth Day: April 22nd



Aim

- To create a poem that uses similes to describe.

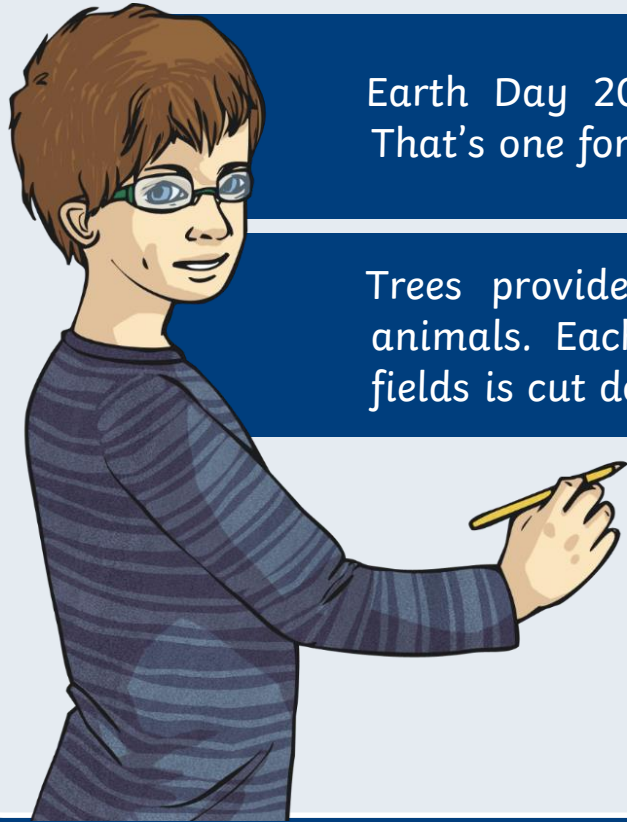
Success Criteria

- I can discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination.
- I can recognise different forms of poetry.
- I can plan my own writing.
- I can discuss and evaluate my choice of simile.

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Earth Day is a celebration of our beautiful planet that takes place all around the world on April 22nd.

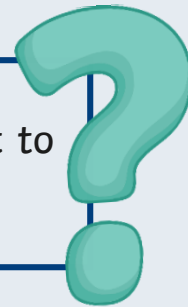
It encourages people to do what they can to protect the environment.



Earth Day 2017 would like to plant 7.8 billion trees by 2020!
That's one for each person on the planet!

Trees provide oxygen, shelter and food both for humans and animals. Each minute, an area of forest the size of 48 football fields is cut down. It is important to plant more trees.

Why do you think it is important to
plant more trees?



Poetry Focus

What do you think of this descriptive poem? Read it and decide, which is your favourite description? What techniques has the author used to describe?

The Tree



Like a mighty giant, the tree stretches its branches skyward,
As wide as a stream, as tall as a house.

Branches spreading like an eagle's wings!

Its trunk as gnarled as an old man's hands;
its branches twisted like a rope.

Standing tall like a soldier on duty, like a guard on patrol.

Leaves rustle in the wind like a whisper in your ear,
Branches creak like an opening door.

The grand old tree, older even than your grandparents,
As old as the hills, sheltering us still today.

Poetry Focus

Simile: A way of comparing one thing to another to describe.

Can you identify each simile?

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Similes and Senses

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Try using this grid to collect ideas.

| Size | |
|--|---|
| It's taller than a... | It spread like a... |
| Texture | |
| It's as smooth as a... It's as rough as as... | It's as hard as... It's strong like a... |
| Smell | Sound |
| It smells like... | It makes a noise like... |
| Appearance | |
| It's as old as... It's young like... | It stands like... It looks like... |

Poetry Focus

Now, write your own tree poem using similes to make vivid descriptions.

Do your similes make a comparison?

Does your poem use words and phrases that capture the readers interest?

Can you explain why you chose a particular word or phrase?

