

Literacy 12.10.20

Read the poem. Perform it to someone in your house, using actions and expression!

The Dancing Tiger

By Malachy Doyle

There's a quiet, gentle tiger
In the woods below the hill,
And he dances on his tiptoes,
When the world is dreaming, still.

So you only ever hear him
In the silence of the night.
And you ever see him
When the full moon's shining bright.

One summer night, I saw him first,
Twirling, whirling round.
And then I heard him gasp in fright -
He knew that he'd been found.

As he turned to me and whispered,
"Please don't mention that I'm here."
The laughter in his lightning eyes
Swept away my fear.

"If you will keep me secret.
And never tell a soul,
Then you may come and dance with me
On nights the moon is whole."

So once a month, from then till now,
I've tiptoed to the wood.
We've swirled and swayed among the tress,

As Tiger said we could.

We've skipped in spring through bluebells,
In summer circled slow,
We've high-kicked in the autumn leaves,
And waltzed in winter snow.

But now that I am old and grey,
My dancing nights are done.
I've chosen you, great-grandchild,
To take my place, so come...

Let me give you Tiger's hand -
The moon is rising high.
I'll sit and watch you dancing both,
Beneath the starbright sky.

Literacy 13.10.20

Read 'The Dancing Tiger' again. Make a list of the rhyming words in the poem. What have you noticed about the rhyming words in the poem? Can you spot any patterns?

e.g. hill and still

Literacy 14.10.20

Read 'The Dancing Tiger' again. Draw pictures and label them, to show what you imagine when you read the poem.

Literacy 15.10.20 and 16.10.20

Choose a new animal. Draw and label pictures to show what you might do with that animal in each season. For example, in 'The Dancing Tiger', they 'skipped through bluebells' in Spring. You might write we 'danced through the flowers' or 'chased the butterflies' etc! Use the PowerPoint to help you.

Spring

Summer



Autumn



Winter

