



ONLINE

Lockdown 2020

It's your time to shine.

Venue: your lounge, kitchen, garden... wherever you like!

Date: Submissions in by 31/05/2020

Get creative either on your own, or with your family.

Write and perform your entry for our 2020 poetry slam then submit your video performances to:

support@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk

The theme is 'LOCKDOWN' so think carefully about subjects that you can base your poem on.



Each year P.J.S. works with real poets to create a poetry slam—this year is no different other than we might be doing it in our pyjamas!

Kurly was supposed to be coming in to work with us this year but instead he has created resources and videos to help you create your poems at home. The pack attached features three different types of poems: acrostic poems, a personification 'I am..' poem and ladder poems. (I suggest that years 3 and 4 try the acrostic poems and years 5 and 6 try the ladder poems—but you can choose what you prefer).

Dreadlock Alien has worked with us to create 'ladder poems' before and has taught us how to beatbox (so if you're not sure, try asking an older sibling to help).

Remember the first step to writing any poetry is to make notes!

- Start by writing down any words that come to mind when you think about your subject.
- See if you can link any of the words with appropriate rhyming words on the same subject.
- Draft the poem.
- Edit the poem, edit the poem, edit the poem! Read it out loud over and over and listen to the rhythm and beat.
- Remove anything that does not add to the poem—every word matters and should not just be 'filler'.
- Practise your performance. Think about your intonation, speed, pauses, actions, facial expressions, props, background and even sound effects.
- Record and submit your video to support@palfrey-j.walsall.sch.uk