What to do today

1. Read ‘Younger Brother’ by Trevor Millum
   - Practise reading the poem in your head and then out loud.
   - Does the poem remind you of anybody you know? How many different objects does the younger brother collect? The words for these objects are nouns. (Nouns are a person, place or thing).
   - Use the Revision Card to help you remember about nouns, verbs and adjectives.

2. Search for nouns, verbs and adjectives: ‘In the Cave’
   - Read the poem ‘In the Cave’. Try highlighting the nouns in this poem in one colour. Now search for verbs and highlight those a different colour. Finally search for and highlight adjectives.

3. Making up new lines: ‘The Teacher’s Day in Bed’
   - Read the poem ‘The Teacher’s Day in Bed’.
   - Highlight the nouns and verbs in this poem.
   - Make some more lines – other animals and what they could do in the classroom. Can you think of three more?

Try these Fun-Time Extras

- Choose your favourite poem and illustrate it.
Younger Brother

He collects bottle tops,
Toilet roll holders,
Dead insects,
Bits of rock and stones
Of interesting shapes and colours,
Half-made models,
Stickers, badges, pencils,
Feathers, germinating seeds,
Used socks (under the bed),
Broken saucers that he never mends,
Torch batteries, glass marbles,
Oh – and friends.

Trevor Millum
The Teacher’s Day in Bed

Our teacher’s having a day in bed –
She’s sent her pets to school instead!

There’s . . .

A parrot to read the register,
A crocodile to sharpen the pencils,
A canary to teach singing,
An adder to teach maths,
An octopus to make the ink,
An elephant to hoover the floor,
An electric eel to make the computer work,
A giraffe to look for trouble at the back,
A tiger to keep order at the front,
A reed bunting (can’t you guess? to help with reeding, of course!),
A secretary bird to run the office,
A piranha fish to give swimming lessons (Glad I’m off swimming today!),
A zebra to help with crossing the road,
Oh, and a dragon to cook the sausages.

I bet that none of you ever knew
Just how many things a teacher can do!

David Orme
In the Cave

When we went to explore the cave on the shore, here’s what we found . . .

a rusty tin,
a bottle with a message in,
an old and crumpled treasure map,
a brass badge from a sailor’s cap,
strips of canvas from a sail,
planks from a ship wrecked in a gale,
slimy seaweed, polished stones,
shiny shells and whitened bones.

In the cave that’s what we found, scattered on the sandy ground.

Sean Forbes
Revision Card

Nouns and Pronouns
Can you remember?

A noun is... a person, place or thing.

Proper nouns start with a ... capital letter.

A pronoun... can replace a noun.

Adjectives
Can you remember?

An adjective describes... a noun.

An adjective can be modified.

Verbs
Can you remember?

A verb is a... doing or being word.

Verbs usually have tense.

Some verbs help the main verb.
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