

English Monday 01/06/20

WALT watch and appreciate performance poetry.



Do you have a favourite poem?

Today we are reading a poem called 'Don't' by Michael Rosen.

Michael Rosen is a popular children's author and poet. He was born and grew up in Middlesex which is a county in greater London. Both his parents were teachers who loved jokes, stories and songs which has influenced his work.



Follow the link to watch Michael Rosen's performance of his poem 'Don't':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oaq3gzswei0>

Watch the poem again.



- Why do you think the poem is called 'Don't'?
- What do you like about the poem?
- Is there anything you dislike about the poem?
- Does it remind you of anything?

Imagine you are in the poem.



Draw a picture of some of the different things the poet is told not to do.

Challenge:



Think about the things the poet is told not to do:

- What do you notice about the things he is told not to do in the **first part** of the poem?

Don't pick your ears
Don't tease the cat
Don't pull faces
Don't be rude at school

- What do you notice about the things he is told not to do in the **second part** of the poem?

Don't put toffee in my coffee
Don't pour gravy on the baby

The first part of the poem lists things that we are often told not to do. The second part of the poem lists silly things that we would never do!