

Last month, we were very pleased to welcome the published poet, Paul Cookson to our school. As well as publishing his own books, Paul puts together anthologies of other people's work and tours schools and book festivals sharing his love of poetry.

We wondered what his visit would be like- a whole morning doing poetry seemed like a long time, but he was amazing and the time flew by! The whole school gathered in the hall and Paul began his workshop. We listened as he told poems at the most amazing speed. Some were rhyming, some had lots of verses and most had actions we joined in with. We all helped Paul to recite his poems by repeating lines back to him and gave him ideas to help him make verse up on the spot.

All of the poems we joined in with were really funny, and he used things about us, our school and even our names to create poems that made us all, including the teachers laugh. We learnt a lot and left the hall feeling both excited and inspired.



Paul then went around each of the Key Stage 2 classes and worked with us in a poetry master class. He shared his top tips on how to be a successful poet and gave us some ideas to write a class poem of our own. America class wrote a poem called "That's no place to put a pet!" and shared it with parents during class worship. Everyone was very impressed.