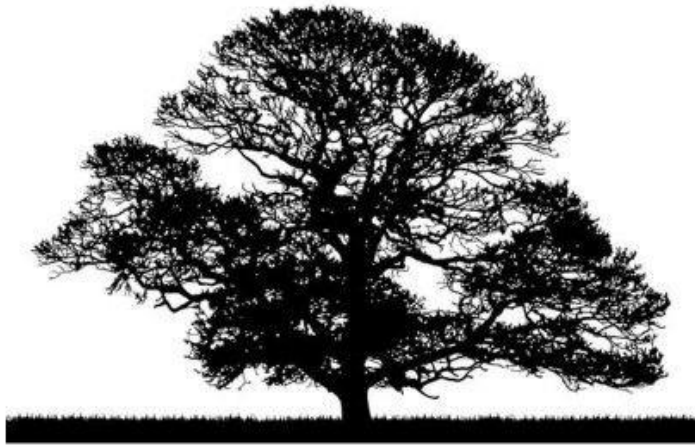


This week's theme is 'Healthy Me' and today we will be looking at trees. You might not have a tree in your garden but you might see some in your school or local park. Read these poems about trees and have a go at answering the following questions.



The Mighty Oak Tree

by Johnny Ray Ryder, Jr.

A mighty wind blew night and day,
It stole the oak tree's leaves away;
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark
Until the oak was tired and stark.

But still the oak tree held its ground
While other trees fell all around;
The weary wind gave up and spoke.
"How can you still be standing Oak?"

The oak tree said, "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two,
Carry every leaf away,
Shake my limbs, and make me sway.

But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth;
You'll never touch them, for you see,
They are the deepest part of me.

Until today, I wasn't sure
Of just how much I could endure,
But now I've found, with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew."

Now have a go at answering these questions.

1. In the first poem, what is a bough?
A – A root
B – A branch
C – A twig
2. What does the word 'stark' mean?
A - blown over
B – tired
C – bare and empty
3. Which part of the tree couldn't the wind affect?

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- A – the leaves
- B – the branches
- C – the roots

4. What is special about the 2nd poem?

5. In the first poem, what did the Oak tree find out at the end?

Challenge question

6. Do you think that the wind is kind or mean in the first poem? Explain why you think this using the text to justify your answer.

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