

This week's theme is based around music and DT, so we thought that we could take a look at several pieces of performance poetry and then at the end of the week you could pick your favourite poem or part of a poem and use your home made instruments to perform a poem in front of your family, post it on Dojo or recite it to your friends.

Here is a very funny poem that links with our music. Its called –
Walking the dog by Julia Donaldson. See what you think!

Walking the Dog

I take off the lead, open the gate
And watch her run a figure of eight,
And a figure of eight, and a figure of eight,
And another figure of eight.



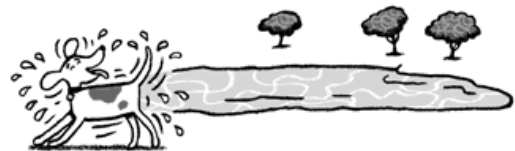
I walk ten yards along the track
While she goes thundering there and back,
And there and back, and there and back,
And another time there and back.



I settle down upon a log
And watch her chase another dog,
And another dog, and another dog,
And another enormous dog.



I saunter slowly round a lake
While she has a swim and a great big shake,
And a swim and a shake, and a swim and a shake,
And a swim and another big shake.



And now those eyes, that look, that lick
Are begging me to throw a stick,
And throw a stick, and throw a stick,
And the stick, and the very same stick.



I've walked a mile and she's run ten.
Back home, I flop while she waits again,
And waits again, and waits again
for the W word again.



Then have a go at answering these questions.

1. What did the dog do in the lake? _____

2. Why had the owner only walked 1 mile and the dog had gone 10 miles?

3. At the end, what is the dog waiting for?

Challenge question

4. Which part of the poem did you like the best and why?

Have a look at the Oxford Owl website. www.oxfordowl.co.uk

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