



## Handwriting Distance Learning Task

Week beginning: Monday 25th January 2021

As part of developing and continuing the improvement of basic skills we would like you to copy out a different poem a week. These poems will be linked to our Whole School Assembly.

Good handwriting contributes to reading fluency because it activates visual perception of letters. Time spent on these skills can develop reading and writing stamina and concentration which can have positive effects on learning across the curriculum.

Please use your best, even and clear handwriting. Remember to share it with your teacher when you have finished it via Teams.

### **When**

By Rabbi Rachel Barenblat (the Velveteen Rabbi)

When the skies are dirty dishwater  
And your heart is chafed and brittle

When the list of things that hurt  
Becomes a litany too long to sing

When the hot fury of too much weeping  
Clouds your glasses with salt

Then take off your shoes: the place  
Where you stand is holy ground

Let your helplessness drain away  
Let your rage soak the earth's crust

Like the rains the desert longs for.  
Give up every ounce of grief

And when you're empty, pull fire  
From the planet's core, pull rootedness

This life, this place is your soil  
You cannot be toppled. Do not be moved.

