



Handwriting Distance Learning Task

Week beginning: Monday 8th February 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.

Golden Retrievals

by Mark Doughty

Fetch? Balls and sticks capture my attention
seconds at a time. Catch? I don't think so.
Bunny, tumbling leaf, a squirrel who's -oh
Joy- actually scared. Sniff the wind, then

I'm off again: muck, pond, ditch, residue
of any thrillingly dead thing. And you?
Either you're sunk in the past, half our walk,
thinking of what you never can bring back,

or else your off in some fog concerning
- tomorrow, is that what you call it? My work:
to unsnare time's warp (and woof!), retrieving,
my haze-headed friend, you. This shining bark,

a Zen Master's bronzy gong, calls you here,
entirely, now: bow-wow, bow-wow, bow-wow.

