



## Reading Really Rocks Activities

### Spring Poems

Date: Tuesday 31st March 2020

#### Vocabulary Laboratory

1. Read the poems again (Page 3).
2. Find any unfamiliar words and record them in your red books.
3. Use a dictionary to find out their meanings.
4. Choose one word for the vocab lab:

Vocabulary Laboratory			
Explain it _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		The word is: <input type="text"/>	
		Use it in a sentence _____ _____ _____	
synonyms	antonyms	past tense (verbs)	Words that rhyme with it
		Draw it _____ _____ _____	

#### Retrieval and inference questions

1. Why has A A Milne used the word 'whisper' to suggest how the daffodil speaks in Daffodowndilly?
2. What is the mood of the poem Daffodowndilly?
3. In Spring Song, what do you think is the meaning of this phrase: And all my spirit tingled ?
4. Can you find any examples of alliteration in the Spring Song poem? Why has the poet used this technique in his writing?
5. Both poems are about spring. Compare the poems. Which is your favourite? Explain in 3 sentences why you have chosen one poem and not the other.

#### Author Focus

Who is AA Milne's most famous character? And RL Stevenson's most famous book?

AA Milne and Robert Louis Stevenson are both very famous authors. Find out what books they have written and when they were alive.



Create your own Spring poem using some of the new vocabulary you have discovered today.

Can you publish it in your red journal and illustrate it too.



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*Daffodowndilly* by A.A. Milne

*She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,  
She wore her greenest gown;  
She turned to the south wind  
And curtsied up and down.  
She turned to the sunlight  
And shook her yellow head,  
And whispered to her neighbour:  
"Winter is dead."*

*Spring Song* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The air was full of sun and birds,  
The fresh air sparkled clearly.  
Remembrance wakened in my heart  
And I knew I loved her dearly.*

*The fallows and the leafless trees  
And all my spirit tingled.  
My earliest thought of love, and Spring's  
First puff of perfume mingled.*

*In my still heart the thoughts awoke,  
Came lone by lone together -  
Say, birds and Sun and Spring, is Love  
A mere affair of weather?*