LO: To listen and discuss

LO: To perform a Nonsense poem

In our reading lessons, we are going to listen to and discuss different types of poems.

We will look at different concepts you might find in poetry including

- Rhythm and rhyme
- Personification
- Personal response
- Metaphor and simile
- Analogy
- Alliteration
- Vocabulary
- Creating visual images

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat by Edward Lear

Who is the poet of this poem?

Which features does this poem have?

Why do you think the poet has used repetition in each verse?

Do you think this is a modern or old poem?

Make a list of five words which help you to come to this decision.

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

by Edward Lear

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you are!"

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married! Too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?"
They sailed away, for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-Tree grows
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.





"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling
Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I will."
So they took it away, and were married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the hill.
They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon;
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the moon.



Match up the definitions for the following set of words:

elegant	An old English coin.
tarried	To stay longer than intended.
shilling	A hard, pear-shaped fruit.
quince	A nonsense word invented by Edward Lear.
runcible	Graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.