

Monday 8th February

LO: To be able to read and discuss poetry.

Read the two poems on the next pages: Newt and Weasel.

Underline and words and phrases that you like and any interesting vocabulary.

Can you circle any words that rhyme?

Do you notice any patterns or interesting ways of organising the poems? What are they?

Is there any repetition?

Look out for this interesting vocabulary	
unhirsute	without hair
coot	a type of water bird
tinder	a material which catches fire easily
cinder	a piece of burnt coal or wood
gyres	to dance and whirl around

© Which of today's poems is your favourite? Why?

newt

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'Newt, oh newt, you are too cute!'

Emoted the coot to the too-cute newt,

'With your frilly back and your shiny suit
and your spotted skin so unhirsute!'

'Too cute?!' roared the newt to the
unastute coot. 'With all this careless
talk of cute you bring me into
disrepute, for newts aren't cute:
we're kings of the pond, lions of the
duckweed, dragons of the water;
albeit, it's true,' – he paused – 'minute.'



weasel

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Weasel whirls through world like wildfire:

Embers spin, smoke curls, for weasel

Acts on land like spark on tinder –

Scorches grass, turns field to pyre,
sand to glass, tree to cinder,

Eats air, burns shadow,

Lights the sky, hot-wires the sun with
its speed, its dance, its gyres.

