

Spelling Rule Poems (weeks 3 and 4)

These poems could be used in lots of ways, either in their entirety as the basis for a scheme of work to teach spelling or being used as and when needed for a spelling rule that you think needs more review. They could be printed into a booklet and given out at the start of the year to the children for them to read at home, or perhaps given once a week as part of spelling home learning.

Lesson Ideas

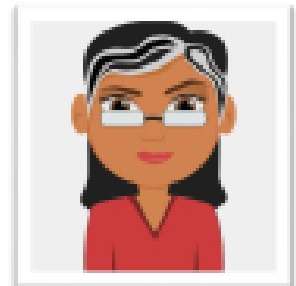
- Have children read a poem and see what they notice. Can they spot a spelling pattern that is prominent? Show them the 'top tip' as and when needed to help them.
- Can they find/underline all the examples of the spelling pattern (perhaps working in pairs)?
- Can they write any more examples of this spelling pattern that they know which aren't in the poem?
- Can they copy a verse from the poem, making sure to spell the focus words correctly each time?
- Can they write their own poem or silly sentences using the focus words?
- Can they 'pyramid write' the words you are focusing on today?
- Can they 'say it silly' and phonetically pronounce a word in a fun way to remember how to spell it?
- Can they make up a dance or some hand actions to remember today's top tip?

Lying Brother

I have a brother,
Like no other,
He says on Monday he went to the Moon.



I told my mother,
About my brother,
She says nothing he tells me is true.



I told my brother,
About our mother,
He told me nothing she says is a lie.

Which means my brother,
Isn't a liar,
Or at least not all of the time.



by Michael Plevins

Top Tip: The 'uh' sound like in 'cut' can be spelt as 'o' in some words.

o sound spelt a

Pond Troll



A troll he went for a wander,
To the pond to have a good wash,
He dived in while I was swimming,
And so I was nearly squashed!



by Michael Plews

Top Tip: 'a' is the most common spelling for the short 'o' sound like in 'hot' when it comes after the letters 'w' and 'qu'.

ur sound spelt or

Magic Word

There's a single word,
That always works,
It can bring the world to its knees,



A single word,
Of endless worth,
And that single word is please.



by Michael Plews

*Top Tip: The 'ur' sound can be spelt as 'or' in some words.
There are not many of these words.*

or sound spelt ar

Yeti War

I must warn you of the swarm of yetis I saw,
As I looked out over the snow,
They were covered in fur and sprinkled with warts,
And their ice clubs dangled low,

They're looking for warmth and ready for war,
They growl and snarl and bite,
And it's your home they're heading towards,
They're hoping you'll give them a fight,

If you stop them you'll earn a big reward,
Including a golden cup,
And on it they'll write 'Brave Hero Award',
Unless you get eaten up!



by Michael Plews

Top Tip: The sound 'or' like in 'for' can be spelt as '-ar'.
There are not many of these words.