

Day 2 Poetry

Make a list of all the things you do if you're at home ill in bed. (for example have a story read to you) and keep it for later on in the week.
Now read the poem on the next page.

The land of the counterpane

When I was sick and lay a-bed
I had two pillows at my head
And all my toys beside me lay
To keep me happy all the day

And sometimes for an hour or so
I watch my leaden soldiers go,
With different uniforms and drills,
Among the bed-clothes, through the hills.

And sometimes sent my ships in fleets
All up and down among the sheets
Or brought my trees and houses out
And planted cities all about

I was the giant great and still
That sits upon the pillow hill
And sees before him, dale and plain,
The pleasant land of counterpane.

Robert Louis Stevenson



Questions on 'The Counterpane'

- What do these words mean?
- A) leaden b) drills c) fleets d)dale e) counterpane?
- Look them up in a dictionary or ask a parent.

Read the poem once more.

- Make a list of all the words that rhyme.
- Are they spelt the same?

Here's what to do.

1. Here are some 'START' words.
2. Bed, duvet (pronounced doo-vay), ill, fever, drink, mum, dad
3. Draw a circle and put these words in.
4. Now draw another circle on your page and find one word that rhymes with a start word to put in it. When I do this, I go through the alphabet in my head, adding the start word ending. For example, ill- bill – fill. (some of you might find more than one).