Dear parents, this week we will be looking at figurative language.

- **Alliteration** is when words start with the same sound:

For example, Sammy the slippery snake came sliding.
Alliteration is used in both written and spoken English. You can find examples in poetry, advertising and events commentary.
It is often used in newspaper headlines to grab the reader's attention.

- A **metaphor** is a word or a phrase used to describe something as if it were something else:

For example, "A wave of terror washed over him."
The terror isn't actually a wave, but a wave is a good way of describing the feeling.
"Jess is dynamite."
She's not made of dynamite, but it's a way to explain how exciting she is.
Jess as a stick of dynamite

- A **simile** describes something by comparing it to something else, using like or as:

The snake moved like a ripple on a pond.
It was as slippery as an eel.
Jess is as graceful as a gazelle.
Try using metaphors and similes to make your own poetry or other writing more descriptive and interesting.

- **Onomatopoeia** is a word which sounds like what it means.

'Thud', 'crash', 'bang' and 'buzz' are all examples.

- Personification is describing objects as if they are people.

For example, Jess's heart is racing at 100 miles per hour. A heart can't literally race, but it helps us to feel more involved in the story. Try using personification in your own writing and speech

- Hyperbole is an exaggeration for example:

He ran a million miles.
These shoes are killing me.
For the millionth time – stop it!

Task 1: Watch this video about figurative language
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfkk7ty/articles/z9tkxfr

Task 2: Complete these sentences using the words underneath.

Similes describe something by comparing it to another using like or as.

1. The girl was..... like a leaf.
2. The boy ..... like a log.
3. The children crept as ..... as mice.
4. The icicle shone like the .....

quietly shaking slept sun

Metaphors describe something by saying it is something else.

1. The sun was a ..... golf ball in the sky.
2. The bear was a furry .....
3. The teacher was an ..... volcano, exploding with lava.
4. Her ..... was a silky blanket.

giant hair flaming erupting

Personification is giving an object human features or characteristics.

1. The wind ..... through the trees.
2. The daffodils nodded their ..... bonnets in the wind.
3. The refreshing pool ..... the holidaymakers.
4. The ..... danced on the shelves during the earthquake.

yellow teapot called whistled

Task 3: Now, have a go at.....

- Writing your own simile about an elephant (think about it's size).
- Writing your own metaphor about a winding, grey path.
- Writing a personification sentence describing what a flag was doing in the wind.
- Writing a description of any setting that you would like to, using similes, metaphors and personification.