

English Homework

Year 3

Reading:

Nature Trail was written by the poet, author and playwright Benjamin Zephaniah. Benjamin Zephaniah enjoys being close to nature and animals and in this poem, he describes all the wildlife that he sees in his garden. This poem encourages us to think about the importance of having a garden.

Nature Trail

At the bottom of my garden
There's a hedgehog and a frog
And a lot of creepy-crawlies
Living underneath a log,
There's a baby daddy long legs
And an easy-going snail
And a family of woodlice,
All are on my nature trail.

There are caterpillars waiting
For their time to come to fly,
There are worms turning the earth over
As ladybirds fly by,
Birds will visit, cats will visit
But they always chose their time
And I've even seen a fox visit
This wild garden of mine.

Squirrels come to nick my nuts
And busy bees come buzzing

And when the night time comes
Sometimes some dragonflies come humming,
My garden mice are very shy
And I've seen bats that growl
And in my garden I have seen
A very wise old owl.

My garden is a lively place
There's always something happening,
There's this constant search for food
And then there's all that flowering,
When you have a garden
You will never be alone
And I believe we all deserve
A garden of our own.

Benjamin Zephaniah

1. Where do the creepy- crawlies live?

2. Why do you think the poet describes the snail as 'easy going' on line 6?

3. Which 2 animals pick carefully when to visit the garden?

4. Which animal does the author seem most surprised to have seen in his garden?

5. Write down one word that has a similar meaning to *nick* (line 17).

6. What 2 things does the poet say are always happening in his garden?

7. Why do you think the poet believes "we all deserve a garden of our own" (line 32-33)?

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