

Monday 25th January English Task

Celebrating Robert Burns

Today is Burns night where many Scottish people will celebrate the life of the poet Robert Burns. They will usually host a Burns supper and retell his poems. This lesson, we will learn about the life of Robert Burns and look at his poetry.

Task 1: Look at the INPUT PDF to introduce Robert Burns.

Task 2: Read the poem below, either independently or with a grown up. Discuss any words that sound strange to you. Can you highlight the Scottish words? Can you figure out what they mean?

A Red, Red Rose
By Robert Burns

O my Luve's like a red, red rose,
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve's like the melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luve am I;
And I will luve thee still, my Dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my Dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun:
I will luve thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only Luve!
And fare thee weel, a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile!

This means love.

Now, in your own words, explain what this poem is about:

Other optional tasks that we may be completing in school to celebrate Burns Night are wordsearches (provided), paper weaving like tartan and shortbread making/eating 😊