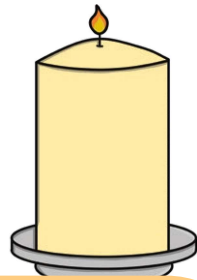
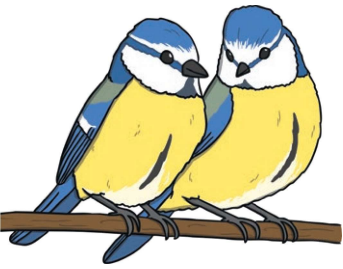


Sunny Day Poems

Here are four poems that are all about sunny days in summer.



Bed in Summer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter, I get up at night
and dress by yellow candlelight.
In summer, quite the other way.
I have to go to bed by day.
I have to go to bed and see
the birds still hopping on the tree
or hear the grown-up people's feet
still going past me in the street.
And does it not seem hard to you,
when all the sky is clear and blue
and I should like so much to play,
to have to go to bed by day?

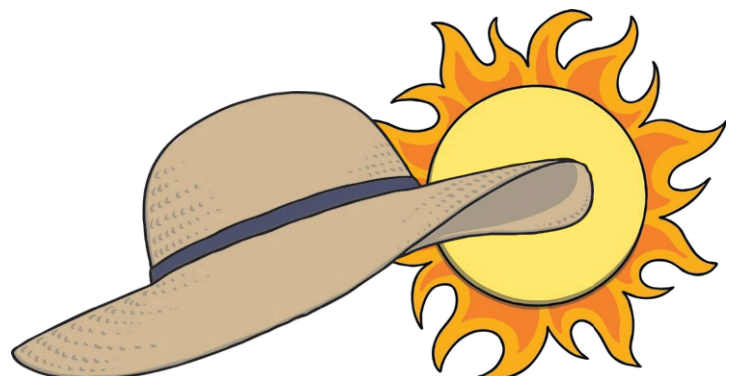
Under the Willow

by Leroy F Jackson

Put down your pillow under
the willow,
hang up your hat in the sun
and lie down to snooze as long
as you choose
for the ploughing and
sowing are done.

Pick up your pillow from
under the willow and
clamber out into the sun.

Get a fork and a rake for
goodness' sake
for the harvest time has begun.



The Sun's Travels

by Robert Louis Stevenson

The sun is not in bed when I
at night upon my pillow lie.
Still round the Earth its way it takes
and morning after morning makes.
While here at home in shining day,
we round the sunny garden play.
Each little child's sleepy head
is being kissed and put to bed.
And, when at eve I rise from tea,
day dawns beyond the Atlantic Sea
and all the children in the west
are getting up and being dressed.



Basking

by Evaleen Stein

Frosty winter chased away
by the blessed sun.
Down upon the garden walks,
basking has begun.
Oh, the happy, happy heat!
How the pulses stir.
How it warms the hearts beneath
the little coats of fur!
Oh, the happy, little cats!
Days to doze and doze
and, what pleasant dreams
they dream,
only Kitten knows.

Questions

1. Who wrote the poem 'Under the Willow'? Tick one.
 - Robert Louis Stevenson
 - Leroy F Jackson
 - Evaleen Stein

2. What colour is the candlelight in the poem 'Bed in Summer'? Tick one.
 - white
 - orange
 - yellow

3. What is the frosty winter chased away by in the poem 'Basking'? Tick one.
 - the kitten
 - the sun
 - the garden

4. Where does day dawn in the poem 'The Sun's Travels'? Tick one.
 - in the sunny garden
 - upon a pillow
 - beyond the Atlantic Sea

5. Where should you hang up your hat in the poem 'Under the Willow'? Tick one.
 - under the willow
 - next to the fork and the rake
 - in the sun

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Questions

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- Basking
 Under the Willow
 1 Bed in Summer
 The Sun's Travels

2. Draw **three** lines and match each poem to the person who wrote it.

Basking	Leroy F Jackson
Under the Willow	Robert Louis Stevenson
The Sun's Travels	Evaleen Stein

3. Look at the poem 'Bed in Summer'.

What can the poet see hopping on the tree? Tick one.

- people's feet
 yellow candlelight
 the birds

4. Look at the poem 'Under the Willow'.

Fill in the missing words.

Lie down to _____ as long as you _____
 for the ploughing and sowing are done.

5. Look at the poem 'The Sun's Travels'.

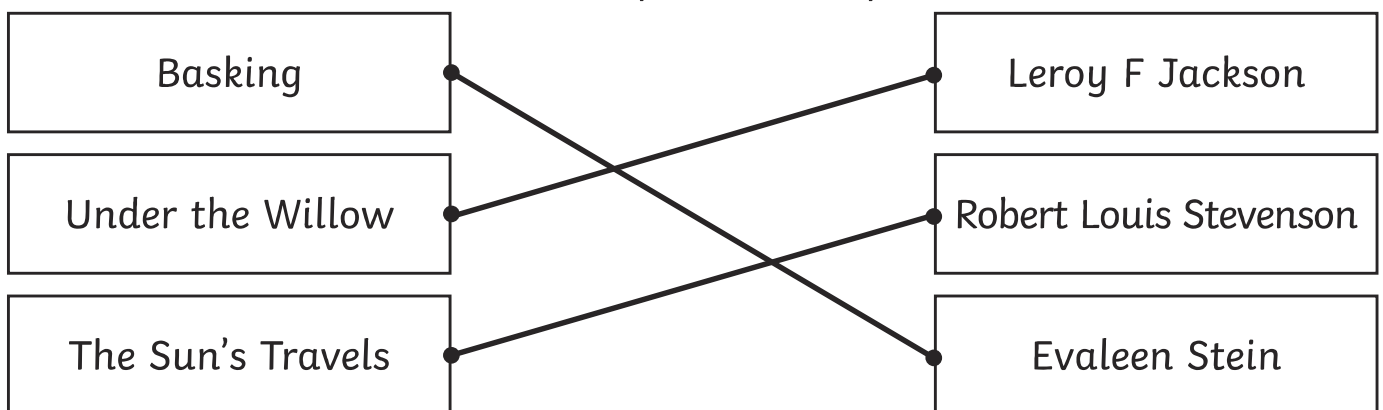
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Fill in the missing words.

Lie down to **snooze** as long as you **choose** for the ploughing and sowing are done.

5. Look at the poem 'The Sun's Travels'.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'tired'.

sleepy

Questions

1. Which poem was written by Evaleen Stein? Tick one.

- The Sun's Travels
 Under the Willow
 Basking

2. Which poem mentions the Atlantic Sea? Tick one.

- Bed in Summer
 The Sun's Travels
 Basking

3. Look at the poem 'Bed in Summer'.

Fill in the missing words.

In _____, I get up at _____ and dress
by yellow candlelight.

4. Look at the poem 'Under the Willow'.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'sleep'.

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Which animal dozes and dreams?

6. Which of the poems is your favourite? Explain what you like about it.

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snooze

5. Look at the poem 'Basking'.

Which animal dozes and dreams?

The happy, little cats doze and dream in the poem 'Basking'.

6. Which of the poems is your favourite? Explain what you like about it.

Pupils' own responses, such as: My favourite poem is 'Basking' by Evaleen Stein and I like it because it has cats and kittens in it. They are my favourite kind of animal.