**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

**1. Reading poems**

Read the poem *The Secret Song* by Margaret Wise Brown.

The poem is made up of a series of questions and answers.

* Highlight each question sentence in the poem in one colour and each answer sentence in another.
* How many questions are there? How many replies?

**2. Question words and question marks**

Look at the page of*Question Words and Question Marks*

* Read, then write out each question word three times in your neatest handwriting. Start each word with a capital letter.
* Practise forming question marks.

**3. Writing questions for animals to answer**

Name the animals that were mentioned in *The Secret Song*.

* Think of five new animals you like or know.
* Draw these animals in the boxes on *Questions for Animals.*
* Write a question that you would ask each animal. E.g., *Where do you go at night, Badger? What do you eat, Ladybird?*
* Spell your question words accurately. Start sentences with a capital letter. Finish your sentences with question marks.
* Can you use a different question word each time?

**Now try this Fun-Time Extra**

* On scraps of paper, use the *Question Words* to help you write questions for the people in your house. Leave space for them to answer. Read people’s answers!

**The Secret Song**

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| Who saw the petalsdrop from the rose?I, said the spider,but nobody knows.Who saw the sunsetflash on a bird?I, said the fish,but nobody heard.Who saw the fogcome over the sea?I, said the sea pigeon,only me. | Who saw the firstgreen light of the sun?I, said the night owl,the only one.Who saw the mosscreep over the stone?I, said the grey fox,all alone. |

*by Margaret Wise Brown*

from *Read Me First: Poems for Younger Readers for Every Day of the Year*

**Question Words**

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| Who  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Start at the top end of the curve and work rightwards and down, finishing by putting the ‘full stop’ under your question mark.**?** |  |

**Animal Questions**

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| *My animals* | *My questions* |

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