

Lesson 3

WALT: Plan and retrieve information

SPaG Starter

Identify the rhyming pattern in this famous poem.

SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye.
Four and twenty blackbirds,
Baked in a pie.
When the pie was opened,
The birds began to sing;
Wasn't that a dainty dish,
To set before the king?
The king was in his counting house,
Counting out his money;
The queen was in the parlour,
Eating bread and honey.
The maid was in the garden,
Hanging out the clothes,
When down came a blackbird
And pecked off her nose



- One theory has the King as Henry VIII, the Queen as Catherine of Aragon and the maid as Anne Boleyn
- Blackbirds were churchmen eager to impress the king for reward and status
- The last *blackbird* was Thomas Cromwell who fabricated the plot which led to Anne's beheading.

This week we have been looking at a poem all about Catherine of Aragon, Henry's first wife.

In today's lesson, you will be researching Catherine to find out facts about her. The WAGOLL poem tells us all about her marriage to Henry but your task will be to tell me about HER. In pairs, you will need to find facts about the following topics:

- Where she was born
- Who she was born to
- How she looked

Create a list of 6 facts in your jotters.

These will form the lines of your poems tomorrow.



Plenary

Look at the facts that you have gathered. Can you find any words that rhyme? This will help you tomorrow.

Example:

Catherine of Aragon was born in Spain in 1485 – **alive, dive, drive, strive, arrive.**

Catherine was very petite with red hair and blue **eyes – guys, dies, cries, rise surprise, ties.**