

Wednesday 22nd April 2020

Task 1: Vocabulary

1. We have seen the word 'quivering' before. **What do you think it means if the *wind* is quivering (verse 2)?**

Quivering means shaking so this means the wind is making other things shake.

2. **In verse 4, what do you think it means when it says the trees are 'naked'?**
(Think about what trees look like in the winter)

It means that they have no leaves on them.

3. On the final line of the final verse, it says, "See how pretty nature is when she ushers winter in."

What does ushers mean in this context?

In this context, ushers means brings. Nature brings winter in with the changes that happen in nature in that season.

Task 2: inference

1. **What does the author mean when she says, 'listen with your careful ears'?
How can our ears be careful?**

Our ears can be careful when they are listening. The author is telling the reader to listen carefully to nature.

2. **What clues in the poem tell you that it is winter?** (don't write where it directly says that it is winter)

Identify 3 different clues:

1 – 'the sky is grey' (verse 1)

2 – 'chilly glass on fingertips' (verse 3)

3 – 'let the frost rest on your face' (verse 6)

3. **In verse 4, how can you tell roughly how cold it is? What does this mean?**

In verse 4, it says 'in the biting air' which means that the air is so cold that it feels like it is biting down on your skin.