

We would like the children to learn this poem off by heart for the verse speaking competition. It may be helpful for your child to add actions to help them to remember it. Verse speaking heats in classrooms are Tuesday 18th April.

A Dragon in the Classroom

There's a dragon in the classroom:

its body is a box,

its head's a plastic waste-bin,

its eyes are broken clocks.

Its legs are cardboard tubes,

its claws are toilet rolls,

its tongue's my dad's old tie,

that's why it's full of holes.

'Oh what a lovely dragon,'

our teacher smiled and said.

'You **are** a pretty dragon,'

she laughed and stroked its head.

'Oh no I'm not,' he snorted,

SNAP! SNAP! He moved his jaw

and chased our screaming teacher

along the corridor.

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