What to do today

1. Make up some noun-phrases about a favourite place
   - Think of a place that you love to be. It can be indoors or outdoors. Write it in the middle of a sheet of paper.
   - Try to think of six or more things that this place is for you. Why is it special? Look at Bedroom Example for ideas.
   - Write each of your images as a descriptive expanded noun phrase.

2. Make notes about playing with words
   - Watch a video of Joseph Coelho explaining about playing with words.
   - Make notes about some of his ideas. They will be useful to you when you are writing your poem.
     https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-poetry-playing-with-words/zmxf8xs

3. Now for some writing
   - Follow the stages on Developing a Poem.
   - When you have a poem, write it out carefully.

Try these Fun-Time Extras
   - Can you send your poem to somebody else?
   - Can you interview people in your house to find out about their favourite place? Can they tell you six reasons that they like it?
   - Find ‘Watch and Listen’ on Joseph Coelho’s website and watch him perform some of his poems.
     https://www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com/
My bedroom

- a magical land of imagination and adventure
- a secret playground behind a plain door
- a private kingdom for me and my friends
- a cozy cave with a collection of snoozing bears
- a crazily creative workshop with scattered art on the floor
- a quiet retreat above the chaos of family life
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Developing a Poem

1. Read all of your special place ideas.

2. Look for ways to improve your **expanded noun phrases** (think poetry techniques: alliteration, onomatopoeia, powerful adjectives, verbs and adverbs).

3. Look for words that are not working hard enough – replace, remove or combine.

4. Choose the best 5-6 images and number them – think about impact: keep a surprise for the last stanza.

5. Write your poem using the structure of *Golden Time*. 
Golden Time

Joseph Coelho

Golden time -
jewelled minutes
and silvered seconds?

Golden time
a diamond clock
with ruby numbers?

Golden time -
a free hour
doing what I please?

Golden time -
hands clasped on mouth
catching laughter with a new friend.

Golden time -
the inhale of breath
as the idea chimes.

Golden time
a room of beaming faces,
every heart in sync.

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