Make Your Writing Sparkle: A Guide to Figurative Language

Bring your stories to life and paint pictures with your words!

- **A Simile compares two things using the words 'like' or 'as'. Example: Max the monkey is as quick as a flash.**
- **A Metaphor says one thing IS another thing to show they are similar. Example: The stars are silver glitter scattered across the night sky.**
- **Personification gives human qualities to objects or animals. Example: The wind whispered secrets through the tall oak trees.**
- **Alliteration is when words close together start with the same sound. Example: Pip the playful caterpillar crunched on a crisp, crunchy carrot.**
- **Onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like the noise it describes. Example: The rain went splat against the windowpane.**

Did you know? Did you know that writers use 'figurative language' like a magic paintbrush? Instead of just saying a flower is pretty, you can use these tools to make your reader see, hear, and feel exactly what you are imagining in your mind!

Key vocabulary: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Imagery · Comparison · Adjective