Wednesday - Practising a skill (vocabulary, meaning of words and word choice)

A DRAGONFLY By Eleanor Farjeon



When the heat of the summer Made drowsy the land, A dragon-fly came And sat on my hand.

With its blue jointed body,
And wings like spun glass,
It lit on my fingers
As though they were grass.



This poem is also about a dragonfly. Now answer the questions:

- 1. Why does "drowsy" mean? Sleepy
- 2. What word makes people feel drowsy in line one? Heat
- 3. What phrase describes the dragonfly's body? Blue jointed body
- 4. Why does the poet describe her fingers as being like grass? Long like blades of grass, gentle like grass and a dragonfly would normally land on grass.
- 5. How does the poet describe the dragonfly's wings?
 Spun glass
- 6. Can you think of another word the poet could have used for "sat?" perched/ landed/ settled

Challenge

How does the poet use senses in the poem? (sight, sound, touch, smell, or taste)

Can you list them and say how?

