Lively limericks

A limerick is a funny, five-line poem that tells a story, often about a person. It has an AABBA rhyme scheme, and a rhythmical pattern.

* They are five lines long.
* Lines 1, 2, and 5 rhyme with one another.
* Lines 3 and 4 rhyme with each other.
* Rhythm is “da DUM da”
* Lines 3 and 4 are shorter.

**Learning Challenge: I can write a lively limerick.**

**SUCCESS CRITERIA**

Choose the name of a person/place and write some words that rhyme with it.

Use your person/place to write the first line of your limerick.

Use your other rhyming words to write line 2 and 5. Remember it is the LAST word in each line that has to rhyme.

Now it is time to write lines 3 and 4 with a different rhyme. Remember these lines still need to build on the “story” you have started telling, so they have to make sense as part of the limerick.

**Editing:**

When you are done writing, read your limerick out loud to see if it has the right rhythm; three “beats” on lines 1, 2, and 5, and two “beats” on lines 3 and 4, as shown above. If not, see if you can rewrite some words to get the rhythm right.

Carefully check your limerick against the success criteria.

Check your spellings and make sure you have a capital letter at the start of each line.