

Poetry coverage and progression by year group

Poems in bold are 'must read' individual poems agreed by OMAT.

Expectations

Pupils must be given the opportunity to both read and write poems.

Pupils should be writing poetry- see examples below for each year group.

Year	Type of poem	Example
Nursery	Well-known rhymes	See OMAT agreed rhymes - EG. Incy Wincy Spider
	Simple poems	Taking a walk by Mary Jackson Ellis I can build a snowman Leaves
	Rhyming couplets	Stars Bear
	Performance Poetry	Ring a ring o' roses It's raining, it's pouring Two little dickie birds Autumn leaves
Reception	Well-known rhymes	See OMAT agreed rhymes - EG. Doctor Foster
	Alphabet list poems	An Alphabet of Horrible Habits Colin West Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Book
	Rhyming couplets	10 Dancing Dinosaurs John Foster Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Book
	Performance poetry	Here we go round the mulberry bush The grand old duke of York One Two Buckle My Shoe Caribbean Counting Poem by Pamela Mordecai The Dark Wood
Year 1	Alliterative poems	Alphabet Poem Micheal Rosen Pineapple Vyanne Samuel
	Simple riddles	Poetry for kids website
	Rhyming verse	The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems

		When We Were Very Young A A Milne Colour Christina Rossetti
	Performance poetry	There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly Hands Julia Donaldson My Colours Colin West Voices of Water Tony Mitton Queue For the Zoo Clare Bevan
Year 2	Acrostic	Fireworks Gervais Phinn Christmas Gervais Phinn
	Calligram/shape	What Is He ? Liz Brownlee The Shape Of A Poem Chris Ogden Aah! At Last It's Spring James Carter Family Tree Damien Harvey Word Whirls John Foster
	Performance poetry	Sssshhh! Julia Donaldson Cats Eleanor Farjohn Nut Tree Julia Donaldson The Dinosaur Rap John Foster The Rhythm of Life Michael Rosen Solo With Chorus Rose Fyleman
	Narrative with rhymes	The Owl and The Pussycat Edward Lear
	Humorous	Revoltng Rhymes Roald Dahl Nonsense Poems Edward Lear
Year 3	Narrative with rhyme	The Listeners Walter De La Mare Sound Collector Roger Mc Gough Scared Micheal Rosen Ning Nang Nong Spike Milligan Please Mrs Butler Allan Ahlberg
	Limericks	Loopy Limericks John Foster
	Kennings	Plenty available online
	Performance poetry	Instructions for Giants John Rice Life Doesn't Frighten Me At All Maya Angelou The Sound Collector Roger McGough Twenty Four Hours Charles Causley Macavity TS Eliot From a Railway Carriage Robert Louis Stevenson
Year 4	Cinquain	Blackbird John Foster Winter John Foster

		Mirror John Foster The Wood In Late Autumn John Foster November Night Adelaide Crapsey Snow Adelaide Crapsey Winter Adeliade Crapsey
	Metaphor poem	The Sun Wes Magee Don't Be Scared Carol Ann Duffy
	Performance poetry	The Treasures Clare Bevan You Can't Stop Me Miriam Moss Thawing Frozen Frogs/The Trouble With My Brother Brian Patten Today , I Feel Gervais Phinn Taking Turkeys Benjamin Zephaniah
	Narrative classic	Jabberwocky Lewis Carroll Matilda Who Told Such Dreadful Lies Hillaire Belloc Quick Lets Get Out of Here Micheal Rosen
Year 5	Haiku	Seaview John Foster Windy Day John Foster Haiky Riddle Celia Warren
	Simile and metaphor poems	Bluebottle Judith Nicholls The Night Will Never Stay Eleanor Farejohn
	Personification	Winter Olivia Kooker Snow and Snow Ted Hughes It's Spring John Foster
	Performance poetry	Give and Take Roger McGough Conversation Piece Gareth Owen Football Mad Benjamin Zephaniah Rum Tum Tiger T S Eliot Select poems from Lost Magic Brian Moses
	Narrative classic	The Listeners Walter De La Mare The Highwayman Alfred Noyes Nightmail WH Auden Magic Box Kit Wright
Year 6	Blank verse	Mercurio's Queen Mab Monologue in Romeo and Juliet The Mending Wall Robert Frost To Be Or Not To be Hamlet

		Tintern Abbey William Wordsworth The Princess Alfred Tennyson Love That Dog Sharon Creech
	Sonnets	Compare 2 classic sonnets for content, use of language, rhyme Summer-water Sonnet Gillian Clarke Lines Upon Westminster Bridge William Wordsworth
	Narrative classic	The Pied Piper Robert Browning Tyger Tyger William Blake Stop All The Clocks WH Auden The Pillow Book Sei Shonagon The Sick Rose William Blake Charge of The Light Brigade Tennyson
	Performance poetry	The Visitor Ian Serrailler Cargoes John Mansfield The Lion and Albert Marriot Edgar If Rudyard Kipling What I Love About School Roger McGough Back In The Playground Blues Adrian Mitchell Sonnets Mermaid Susan Rogerson Who Can Know? Susan Cartwright Smith The Bottom Of The Jar Susan cartwright Smith