

Poetry spine 2023/ 2024

Reading poetry is a fantastic way to aid children’s fluency, develop vocabulary and enjoy the written word. The poems below could be read to and by the children at any time of the day. They are different to poems studied as part of English or reading lessons. This year’s selection includes different subject matter, authors and styles. Some are very modern, others older, more traditional poems. Some are to be performed; others could be a quieter read. All, we hope are to be enjoyed, discussed, and reflected upon. Staff may also share other poems that they discover during the year or that children bring in to share.

We have a growing collection of poetry books in our library which children are encouraged to read. Our aim is that by highlighting the enjoyment of reading poetry, more children will choose to read and even write poems in their own time.

Class/ Year group	Autumn	Spring	Summer
EYFS	<p>Five little speckled frogs Five little ducks Five little men in a flying saucer Five little monkeys jumping on the bed. Ten green bottles (More nursery rhymes are covered in the music curriculum: Pat a cake, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, I'm a little teapot, Hickory Dickory Dock, Wind the bobbin up, Twinkle Twinkle.)</p>	<p>Wheels on the bus, Row, row row your boat Incy wincy spider Baa baa black sheep</p>	<p>Head, shoulders knees and toes Hey diddle diddle Jack and Jill went up the hill Old McDonald</p>
Year 1	<p>Five currant buns by Anon p 87 What is Fog? By John Foster P 242 The Dinosaur’s Dinner by June Crebbin p 212</p>	<p>Happy Poem by James Carter p 161 Seasons of Trees by Julie Holder p246 These are the hands by Paul Cookson by 173</p>	<p>The cave by Tony Mitten p 107 The Mouse the Frog and the little red hen by Anon p61</p>
Year 2	<p>The Owl and the Pussy cat by Edward Lear p 191 Winter walk by Wendy Larmont p 247</p>	<p>Coming out of Hibernation by Pie Corbett p 248 A big surprise by Michaela Morgan p 155</p>	<p>A tree by James Carter p 256 A fairy Alphabet by Clare Bevan p 133</p>

		Rocket Boy by Celia Gentles p 119	
Year ¾	Chips by Stanley Cook p 149 Playground song by Clare Bevan p 181 Tree by Dave Calder p 34 Christmas poems chosen by Gaby Morgan Street Lights by Coral Rumble p 35 Christmas poems chosen by Gaby Morgan	I ask you! By David Whitehead p 55 Cat in the window by Brian Moses p 91 And My Heart Soars by Chief Dan George p 192	A puzzle by Anon p 72 The sound collector Roger McGough p 98 What is ... the sun? Wes Magee p 302
Year 5/ 6	The Frozen Man by Kit Wright p 147 City Lights by Margaret Greaves p 121 The Visitor by Valerie Bloom p 161 Shallow poem by Gerda Mayer p 265 Extract from a Midsummer Night's Dream (Act 2 scene 1 14-15) p 303	Lizards by Darren Stanley p 27 The Unwritten by W.S Merwin p 86 A poem to be spoken silently by Pie Corbett p 99 Talking Time by James Carter p 59 City Jungle by Pie Corbett p 123	The Beach by W. Hart-Smith p167 Beach by Ann Bonner p 167 Words by John Mole p 273 Leaving the village by Selina Rodrigues p 113 The Tide Rises and the Tide Falls by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow p 129

Most poetry:

EYFS and KS1 poems 'The Works' KS1

KS2 poems from 'The Works' KS2

Some have other books named.