



Poetry Curriculum

	Type	Example: Poem & Poet
R	Innovate a well-known rhyme (verbally)	Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
	Alphabet list poems	An alphabet of horrible habits – Colin West Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Book
	Rhyming Couplets	Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Book 10 Dancing Dinosaurs – John Foster
	Performance poetry	Miss Poly Hot Cross Buns One, Two Buckle My Shoe Miss Poly Caribbean Counting Poem – Pamela Mordecai The Dark Wood - anon
Yr1	Alliterative List Poems	Alphabet Poem – Michael Rosen Pineapple – Vyanne Samuel
	Simple riddles	https://www.poetry4kids.com/news/writing-riddles/
	Innovate a well-known rhyme (written)	Incey Wincey Spider There was a Crooked Man Hey Diddle Diddle
	Performance poetry	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly Voices of Water – Tony Mitton My Colours Colin West Hands – Julia Donaldson Queue for the Zoo – Clare Bevan
Yr2	Acrostic Poems	Fireworks – Gervais Phinn Christmas - Gervais Phinn
	Quatrain – AABB or ABAB	Food Stop – Benjamin Zephaniah Excuses – Alan Ahlberg Peter Pan – Andrea Shavick Rumble in the Jungle (book) Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz Commotion in the Ocean (book) Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz Tasty Poems (book) by Jill Bennet & Nick Sharratt
	Shape Poem	What is he? – Liz Brownlee The Shape of a poem – Chris Odgen Aaaah!!!! At last it's Spring – James Carter Family Tree – Damien Harvey Word Whirls – John Foster
	Performance poetry	I'm Walking with my Iguana – Brian Moses Solo with Chorus – Rose Fyleman The Rhythm of Life – Michael Rosen Nut Tree – Julia Donaldson The Dinosaur Rap – John Foster Cats – Eleanor Farjeon Shhhhhh! – Julia Donaldson

Yr3	Narrative with Rhyme	Scared – Michael Rosen The Listeners – Walter de la Mer The Sound Collector – Roger McGough
	Question & Answer poems	Registration – Alan Ahlberg Cool School – Michael Rosen What is Pink – Christina Rossetti
	Haiku & Tankas	<u>Haiku</u> Seaview Haiku – John Foster Windy Day – John Foster Haiky Riddle – Celia Warren <u>Tanka</u> Silver aeroplane - John Foster The Penny Black – John Foster Two Tanka Riddles – Marian Swinger
	Performance poetry	Life doesn't Frighten me at all – Mya Angelou The Sound Collector – Roger Mc Gough Twenty Four Hours – Charles Causley Instructions for Giants – John Rice
Yr4	Limericks	Loopy Limericks (book) by John Foster
	Monologue – one voice	Team Talk – Alan Ahlberg There's an Alien in the Classroom – Gervais Phinn
	Metaphor poem	The Sun – Wes Magee Don't be scared – Carroll Ann Duffy
	Performance poetry	Macavity by T.S Eliot The Treasures – Clare Bevan Today, I feel – Gervais Phinn The Trouble with My Brother – Brian Patten You Can't Stop me – Miriam Moss
Yr5	Cinquain	November Night- Adelaide Crapsey Snow – Adelaide Crapsey Winter - Adelaide Crapsey Blackbird – John Foster At the Gate – John Foster The Wood in late Autumn – John Foster Mirror – John Foster How to Write Cinquains? – John Foster
	Simile and Metaphor Poem	The Night Will Never Stay – Eleanor Farjeon Bluebottle – Judith Nichols Windrush child by John Agard – or other poem used as a basis to innovate with similes and metaphors
	Personification Poems	Winter - Olivia Kooker Snow and Snow - Ted Hughes It's Spring – John Foster Jack Frost – C.E Pike
	Performance poetry	Give and Take – Roger Mc Gough From a Railway Carriage – R.L Stevenson Conversation Piece – Gareth Owen Football Mad – Benjamin Zephaniah Rum Tum Tiger – T.S Eliot

Yr6	Blank Verse (classics)	<p>Mercutio's Queen Mab Monologue in Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare.</p> <p>The Mending Wall by Robert Frost</p> <p>To be or not to be from Hamlet by William Shakespeare</p> <p>Tintern Abbey William Wordsworth</p> <p>The Princess by Alfred Lord Tennyson</p>
	Sonnets (classic)	<p>Compare 2 classic sonnets for content, use of language and rhyme pattern. E.g.</p> <p>Summer-water Sonnet Gillian Clarke</p> <p>Lines Upon Westminster Bridge by William Wordsworth</p>
	Narrative /classic	<p>The Highway Man – Alfred Noyse</p> <p>The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear</p> <p>The Listeners by Walter De La Mare</p> <p>The Pied Piper by Robert Browning</p> <p>Matilda by Hillaire Belloc</p> <p>The Tyger by William Blake</p> <p>The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll</p> <p>The Pillow book by Sei Shonagon</p> <p>The Sick Rose by William Blake</p>
	Performance poetry	<p>The Visitor - Ian Serrailler</p> <p>Cargoes - John Masefield</p> <p>The Lion and Albert - Marriot Edgar</p> <p>If - Rudyard Kipling</p> <p>The Jumblies - Edward Lear</p> <p>What I Love About School – Roger Mc Gough</p> <p><u>Sonnets</u></p> <p>Mermaid – Susan Rogerson</p> <p>Who Can Know? – Susan Cartwright Smith</p> <p>The bottom of the Jar – Susan Catwright Smith</p>

