



## Four Oaks Primary School Poetry Overview



The table below shows the core poems studied in each year group. Different poems have been selected for different purposes. Some will be studied as a reading text or a stimulus for writing and others have been chosen for children to perform.

*Some of the poems will be used as writing units and others just as part of our reading comprehension lessons but every class will need to ensure that they study a poem every half term. It is also essential that children get to perform poetry at least once a term and can recite some from memory. Please factor this into your English planning when planning for the following term.*

| Year Group | Autumn 1                                 | Autumn 2                                               | Spring 1                                         | Spring 2                                                                      | Summer 1                                               | Summer 2                                                |
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| Nursery    | Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star             | Humpty-Dumpty                                          | Hot Cross Buns                                   | Ring-a-Ring a Roses                                                           | Cobbler Cobbler                                        | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive                |
| Reception  | Tippy Tappy                              | Hey Let's Go<br>by James Carter                        | Oh Dear<br>by Michael Rosen                      | Spots and Stripes<br>by Jane Newberry                                         | Here is the Seed<br>by John Foster                     | Fish Tales<br>by Jane Newberry                          |
| Year 1     | Ready Steady Mo<br>by Kes Gray           | The Morning Rush<br>by John Foster                     | I am Angry<br>by Michael Rosen                   | Moon Rocket<br>by Jane Newberry                                               | King of the dinosaurs<br>by Aoife Mannix               | Choose a Poem<br>by James Carter                        |
| Year 2     | Hand on the Bridge<br>by Michael Rosen   | I Open a Book<br>by Julia Donaldson                    | Nature Trail<br>By Benjamin Zephaniah            | Don't<br>by Michael Rosen<br><br>Never<br>by Joshua Seigal<br>* Writing unit. | The Sound Collector<br>By Roger McGough                | The Moon<br>by Robert Louis Stevenson                   |
| Year 3     | The Magic Box<br>by Kit Wright           | Be Glad Your Nose is On Your Face<br>by Jack Prelutsky | The Coming of the Iron Man<br>by Brenda Williams | Tula [Books are Door Shaped]<br>by Margarita Engle                            | Bright Burst of Colour Anthology<br>by Matt Goodfellow | Isn't my Name Magical<br>by James Barry                 |
| Year 4     | More Pointless Questions<br>by John Agar | From a Railway Carriage<br>by Louis Stevenson          | Sonnet for a Sphere<br>By Rachel Rooney          | Life Doesn't Frighten Me<br>by Maya Angelou                                   | The Space on the Page<br>by Michael Rosen              | Cloud Busting<br>by Malorie Blackman<br>* Writing unit. |

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| Year 5 | A City Fit to Live In<br>by Levi Tafari | The Listeners by Walter by<br>De La Mere                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Caged Bird<br>by Maya Angelou          | The Tyger<br>By Willaim Blake                               | The Hill We Climb<br>By Amanda Gorman | If<br>by Rudyard Kipling                                              |
| Year 6 | Dreams<br>by Langston Hughes            | War Poetry:<br><br><i>Dulce et Decorum est</i><br><i>By Wilfred Owen</i><br><br><i>The Black-Out</i><br><i>By Mary Desiree-Anderson</i><br><br><i>The Second World War</i><br><i>By Elizabeth Jennings</i><br><br><i>That Night of Death</i><br><i>By John Rattigan</i> | Meeting Midnight<br>By Carol Ann Duffy | Refugees<br>by Brain Bilston<br><br>Dog<br>by Joshua Seigal | The Jabberwocky<br>by Lewis Carroll   | The Lost Words Anthology<br>by Robert Macfarlane and<br>Jackie Morris |