



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
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 by James Carter	Oh Dear by Michael Rosen	Spots and Stripes by Jane Newberry	Here is the Seed by JohnFoster	Fish Tales by Jane Newberry
Year 1	Ready Steady Mo by Kes Gray	The Morning Rush by John Foster	I am Angry by Michael Rosen	Moon Rocket by Jane Newberry	King of the dinosaurs by Aoife Mannix	Choose a Poem by James Carter
Year 2	Hand on the Bridge by Michael Rosen	I Open a Book by Julia Donaldson	Nature Trail By Benjamin Zephaniah	Don't by Michael Rosen Never by Joshua Seigal * Writing unit.	The Sound Collector By Roger McGough	The Moon by Robert Louis Stevenson
Year 3	The Magic Box by Kit Wright	Be Glad Your Nose is On Your Face by Jack Prelutsky	The Coming of the Iron Man by Brenda Williams	Tula [Books are Door Shaped] by Margarita Engle	Bright Burst of Colour Anthology by Matt Goodfellow	Isn't my Name Magical by James Barry
Year 4	More Pointless Questions by John Agar	From a Railway Carriage by Louis Stevenson	Sonnet for a Sphere By Rachel Rooney	Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou	The Space on the Page by Michael Rosen	Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman * Writing unit.

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