Poetry Curriculum Overview: Writing Focus

Teaching

Each year group is allocated three types of poetry to study, explore, comment on, create and perform throughout the year. These will either be free verse, visual and / or structured poems. When planning a unit, you should refer to the key objectives from the National Curriculum for each key stage as well as the specific components and features of each poetry type, which are outlined below.

You should use the structure below:

- 1. **Read** spend time reading aloud and exploring a range of poems that follow the same theme / format / structure as your year groups allocated poetry type.
- 2. **Discuss** spend time discussing the subject matter and themes; the language use and patterns; the structure and organisation of poem(s).
- 3. Review write or verbalise poetry reviews, evaluations and allow children to comment on whether the liked or disliked a poem and why (year 2 onwards)
- 4. **Create** children then have the opportunity to draft, edit, and publish their poems using the layout and language features of the poetry type you are exploring.
- 5. **Perform** children should have the opportunity to perform, individually, in groups or as a whole class at least three times a year. This can be their own work, or a performance from one of the selected poems for your year groups.

Famous and Classic Poems

Each year group has been allocated a range of 'famous' or 'classic' poems that children should have the opportunity to read aloud, discuss and perform off by heart (to an audience where possible) throughout the year. Teachers need to select at least two of these poems and allow the class to spend time reciting them off by heart for the purpose of performing.

A written outcome for these poems does not need to be produced, unless staff choose to use it as part of one of their poetry units.

Useful Dates

October – National Poetry Day

March 21st Wor'd Poetry Day

From March – July – Love Reading 4 Kids Poetry Prize Competition.

Each year group has been assigned three poetry types to teach as a writing unit in English through the academic year. Please see below for the outline.

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2		
EYFS	Nursery Rhymes and Songs							
R		Free Verse			Visual Poetry	Structured Poetry		
		Onomatopoeia			Shape Poems	Reciting rhyming poems (nursery rhymes)		
1	Free Verse Poetry			Structured Poetry	Free Verse Poetry			
	Poems using Similes			Riddles	Poems using Onomatopoeia			
2			Structured Poetry		Visual Poetry	Free Verse Poetry		
			Quatrain (Rhyming couplets)		Diamante Poem	Poems using alliteration.		
3		Structured Poetry	,	Free Verse Poetry	Visual Poetry			
		Haiku & Tankas		Poems using alliteration and similes	Acrostic Poems.			
4		Structured Poetry	Free Verse Poetry	Structured Poetry				
		Kennings	Poems using metaphors	Limericks				
5	Visual Poetry	Free Verse Poetry			Structured Poetry			
	Blackout Poetry	Poems using personification.			Cinquain			
6		Free Verse Poetry	Free Verse Poetry					
		Monologue	Narrative Poems					

Performance Poetry

We learn to recite poems from memory. We discuss them as part of our reading unit and perform them to other classes, year groups or perform in assemblies.

Daycare	Pre School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Twinkle Twinkle	Head, shoulders,	Mary, Mary quite	The Alphabet Song	Owl and the	Chocolate Cake by	The dentist and	Tyger by William	The Highwayman
Little Star	knees and toes	contrary.		Pussycat by	Michael Rosen	the crocodile by	Blake	by Alfred Noyes
			This old man	Edward Lear		Roald Dahl		
Humpty Dumpty	Hey diddle diddle	Jack and Jill					Jabberwocky by	A Christmas Carol
			Little Bo Peep		Twas the night	The song of the	Lewis Carroll	by Charles
Incy Wincy Spider	Here we go	1,2 buckle my shoe			before Christmas	Witches by		Dickens
	around the		Mary had a little	Peter Piper by	by Clement Clarke	William	The Railway	
Hickory Dickory	mulberry bush	Grand Old Duke of	lamb	John Harris	Moore	Shakespeare.	Carriage by	
Dock	·	York					Robert Louis	
			There was an old			The Sea is a	Stevenson	
Row Row Row	Little Miss Muffet	There was an old	lady who swallowed	Buckingham	On the ning. nang,	Hungry dog by		
your boat.		woman who lived in	a fly	Palace	nong by Spike	James Reeves		
	Miss Polly	a shoe.		By AA Milne	Milligan			
Sleeping Bunnies			Sing and song of					
	Wind the bobbin	Down in the Jungle	sixpence.					
Wheels on the	up							
bus		Little Rabbit Foo	There's a hole in					
	1,2,3,4,5 once I	Foo	the bottom of the					
Old McDonald	caught a fish alive		sea.					
had a farm		Wee willie winkie						
	Teddy bear teddy		When Goldilocks					
	bear	This little piggy	went to the house					
If you're happy			of the bears.					
and you know it.	5 speckled frogs	Mary had a little						
		lamb	There was a					
I'm a little tea pot	5 little monkeys		crooked man					
		Ten fat sausages						
Pat a cake pat a	5 little men in a		Old Mother					
cake	flying saucer	Ten green bottles	Hubbard					
Ring around the	5 little ducks	Ten in the bed	Now we are six by					
rosie			AA Milne					
	5 currant buns	The animals went in						
		two by two	Buckingham Palace					
			by AA Milne					

The Daily Poem At Captain Webb Primary, we believe it is important to set aside 5 minutes every day to listen to and enjoy Poetry.

The Poetry Spine is a core of books that foster a love of poetry with the best children's anthologies, hand-picked by literacy expert Pie Corbett.

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Nursery	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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	IN COTORD WARSERY RHYMES Bright and la	July John Lord All South	A VERT FIRST SOUR OF POSTEY Considerable and another close de	Crazy Mayonnaisy Mum	Point me Poem	Riding a Lion	Magic Box	HUGHES Poems for Uniform Please of the Property of the Proper
	AN BER	This Little Puffin	Little Bug!	First Poetry Book Pe Corbett Guilly Hongan	to heat legally for all to	DEEP IN THE GREEN WOOD	Jugging with S. V. Gerbits Brian Patter	And the state of t