

## Progression in Poetry

**Teaching Sequence** 

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Read	Discuss	Review	Create	Perform
Time reading aloud and exploring a range of	Time discussing the subject	Write or verbalise poetry	Children draft, edit and publish	Give opportunities to perform,
poems that follow the same	matter and themes; the	reviews, evaluations and allow	their poems using the layout and	individually, in groups or as a whole
themes/format/ structure.	language use and patterns; the	children to comment on whether	language features of the poetry	class at least 3 times are year.
	structure and organisation of	they liked/disliked a poem and	type you are exploring.	Children perform their own poems
	the poems.	why (Year 2 onwards).		and those from the learn by heart
				list.



## Year 3

Reading NC Links	Writing NC Links	Poems to learn by heart and perform
<ul> <li>Read books (poems) that are structured in different ways and reading for arrange of purpose</li> <li>Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books (poems)</li> <li>Prepare poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action</li> <li>Discuss words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination</li> <li>Recognise some different forms of poetry (for example, free verse, narrative poetry)</li> <li>Participate in discussions about both books (poems) that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking tuns and listening to what others say.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>plan their writing by: <ul> <li>discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar</li> <li>discussing and recording ideas</li> </ul> </li> <li>draft and write by: <ul> <li>composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures</li> <li>evaluate and edit by: <ul> <li>read their own writing aloud to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan The Adventures of Isabel by Ogden Nash Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah The Book by Michael Rosen I was born in the Stone Age by Michael Rosen



Type of Poetry and Features	Writing Suggestions	Example Poems
Free Verse - Simile Poem	Animal simile poem	Leap Like a Leopard by John Foster
Simile is common poetic device. The subject of the poem is described by	Colour simile poem	On the ground simile poem
comparing it to another object or subject, using 'as' or 'like'. For example,	On the ground simile poem	https://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/resources
the subject may be 'creeping as quietly as a mouse' or be 'sly, like a fox.'		/y2/poetry-exploring-form/seasons/on-the-
Keep the structure simple, non rhyming and explore similes first. It may take		ground-simile-poem/16186
the form of a 'list poem'.		
Structured - Limericks	Write limericks on famous book, tv or film characters.	Edward Lear limericks
The poem is five lines in length and follows the rhyme scheme AABBA.	Write limericks based on made up people/characters.	Spring Magic by Judith Nicholls
o Line 1: 7-10 syllables;		Short Visit, Long Stay by Paul Cookson
o Line 2: 7-10 syllables;		Limerick by John Irwin
o Line 3: 5-7 syllables;		
o Line 4: 5-7 syllables;		
o Line 5: 7-10 syllables.		
The first line usually begins with 'There was a' and ends with the name of a		
person or place. The last line should be rather unusual or far-fetched.		
Each line starts with a capital letter. Lines often end with a comma.		
The mood of this type of poem is comic, and it can even be nonsense.		
Structured - Question and Answer Poems	Write questions and answers for a character in a story,	Why Must We Go To School? by Allen
Whilst this is not a traditional poetic structure it is one which poets for	historical figure, animal, creature. Could link to key texts in	Ahlberg
children use, often for comic effect.	English	Conversation by Michael Rosen
The poem is structured as a dialogue between two people. This kind of poem is	PUPPY IN THE HOUSE	From Poems to Perform by Julia Donaldson:
great for performance as there are clear roles and voices within it and the	Who broke the window?	Conversation Piece by Gareth Owen
children can have fun adding character to the lines. A simple q and a structure	It wasn't me. Wag, wag!	The Treasures by Clare Bevan
would work well with lower KS2 children.	Who chewed the rug?	
Create ideas using a whole class plan and provide a template for LA children.	It wasn't me. Lick, lick!	
	Who made a puddle?	
	It wasn't me. Woof, woof!	