

Whole School Poetry Overview



Year group	Poetry Type	Examples that could be used
Reception	Rhyming words	<i>10 Dancing Dinosaurs – John Foster</i>
	Nursery Rhymes	<i>Twinkle Twinkle Incy Wincy Spider Little Miss Moffett</i>
Year 1	Rhyming poem	--
	Riddles	--
	Acrostic poem	<i>Fireworks – Gervais Phinn Christmas – Gervais Phinn Friends – John P. Read B is for Birthday – Erika L. Shields</i>
Year 2	Repeating Patterns	<i>Food Stop – Benjamin Zephaniah Excuses – Alan Ahlberg Peter Pan – Andrea Shavick Down Behind the Dustbins – Michael Rosen Caribbean Playground Song – James Berry</i>
	Concrete/Shape poem	<i>What is he? – Liz Brownlee The Shape of a Poem – Chris Ogden Word Whirls – John Foster Apes to Zebras - Roger Stevens (Book)</i>
	Diamante poem	--
Year 3	Haiku	<i>Seaview Haiku – John Foster Windy Day – John Foster Haiku Riddle – Celia Warren A Morning – Arun Bahadur Gurung</i>
	 kennings	<i>The Lost Words: Kingfisher – Robert Macfarlane Beware!: Zim Zam Zoom! – James Carter Who am I? – Roger Stevens</i>
	Question and answer poems	<i>Registration – Alan Ahlberg Cool School – Michael Rosen What is pink? – Christina Rossetti What do we do with variation? – James Berry</i>
Year 4	Nonsense poem	<i>Jabberwocky - Lewis Carroll On the Ning Nang Nong – Spike Milligan The Jumbles – Edward Lear</i>
	Cinquain	<i>November Night – Adelaide Crapsey Snow – Adelaide Crapsey Blackbird – John Foster At the gate – John Foster How to write cinquains – John Foster Soulful Husbandry – Lawrencealot</i>
	Tankas	<i>Two Tanka Riddles – Marian Swinger Silver Aeroplane – John Foster A Spray of Water – Tada Chimako With a Sigh – Kelly Roper</i>

Year 5	Simile/metaphor poem	<i>The Night Will Never Stay – Eleanor Farjeon</i> <i>Bluebottle – Judith Nicholls</i> <i>Windrush Child – John Agard</i> <i>What is the Sun? – Wes Magee</i> <i>A Red, Red Rose – Robert Burns</i> <i>The Slithermonchowchuck – Aoife Mannix</i>
	Limerick	<i>Nonsense Limericks - Edward Lear</i> <i>Loopy Limericks – John Foster</i> <i>There was a Small Boy of Quebec – Rudyard Kipling</i> <i>There once was a Wonderful Star – Kaitlyn Guenther</i>
	Monologue	<i>A Midsummer’s Night Dream – William Shakespeare</i> <i>Macbeth – William Shakespeare</i> <i>Alice in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll</i>
Year 6	Sonnet	<i>Sonnet 18 - William Shakespeare</i>
	Figurative Language Poem	<i>I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud – William Wordsworth</i> <i>I am a Writer – Joseph Coelho</i> <i>Night Comes Too Soon – James Berry</i> <i>Sleep – Anne Matheson</i>
	Narrative poem	<i>The Raven- Edgar Allan Poe</i> <i>The Tyger – William Blake</i> <i>The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear</i> <i>The Pillow Book – Sei Shonagon</i> <i>Enough – Michelle Nathan</i>