

Bolshaw Primary School Poetry Curriculum

Year	Type	Example: Poem & Poet
R	Innovate a well-known rhyme (verbally)	Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
	Alphabet list poems	An alphabet of horrible habits – Colin West Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Book
	Rhyming Couplets	Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar Book 10 Dancing Dinosaurs – John Foster
	Performance poetry	Miss Poly Hot Cross Buns One, Two Buckle My Shoe Caribbean Counting Poem – Pamela Mordecai The Dark Wood - anon
Yr1	Alliterative List Poems	Alphabet Poem – Michael Rosen Pineapple – Vyanne Samuel
	Simple riddles	https://www.poetry4kids.com/news/writing-riddles/
	Innovate a well-known rhyme (written)	Incey Wincey Spider There was a Crooked Man Hey Diddle Diddle
	Performance poetry	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly Voices of Water – Tony Mitton My Colours Colin West Hands – Julia Donaldson Queue for the Zoo – Clare Bevan
Yr2	Acrostic Poems	Fireworks – Gervais Phinn Christmas - Gervais Phinn
	Quatrain – AABB or ABAB	Food Stop – Benjamin Zephaniah Excuses – Alan Ahlberg Peter Pan – Andrea Shavick Rumble in the Jungle (book) Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz Commotion in the Ocean (book) Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz Tasty Poems (book) by Jill Bennet & Nick Sharratt

	Shape Poem	What is he? – Liz Brownlee The Shape of a poem – Chris Odgen Aaaah!!!! At last it's Spring – James Carter Family Tree – Damien Harvey Word Whirls – John Foster
	Performance poetry	I'm Walking with my Iguana – Brian Moses Solo with Chorus – Rose Fyleman The Rhythm of Life – Michael Rosen Nut Tree – Julia Donaldson The Dinosaur Rap – John Foster Cats – Eleanor Farjeon Shhhhhh! – Julia Donaldson

Yr3	Narrative with Rhyme	Scared – Michael Rosen The Listeners – Walter de la Mare The Sound Collector – Roger McGough
	Question & Answer poems	Registration – Alan Ahlberg Cool School – Michael Rosen What is Pink – Christina Rossetti
	Haiku & Tankas	<u>Haiku</u> Seaview Haiku – John Foster Windy Day – John Foster Haiky Riddle – Celia Warren <u>Tanka</u> Silver aeroplane - John Foster The Penny Black – John Foster Two Tanka Riddles – Marian Swinger
	Performance poetry	Life doesn't Frighten me at all – Maya Angelou The Sound Collector – Roger Mc Gough Twenty Four Hours – Charles Causley Instructions for Giants – John Rice
Yr4	Cinquains	November Night- Adelaide Crapsey Snow – Adelaide Crapsey Winter - Adelaide Crapsey Blackbird – John Foster At the Gate – John Foster The Wood in late Autumn – John Foster Mirror – John Foster How to Write Cinquains? – John Foster

	Monologue – one voice	Team Talk – Alan Ahlberg There’s an Alien in the Classroom – Gervais Phinn
	Metaphor poem	The Sun – Wes Magee Don’t be scared – Carol Ann Duffy
	Performance poetry	Macavity by T.S Eliot The Treasures – Clare Bevan Today, I feel – Gervais Phinn The Trouble with My Brother – Brian Patten You Can’t Stop me – Miriam Moss
Yr5	Limericks	Loopy Limericks (book) by John Foster Edward Lear - Book of Nonsense Poems
	Simile and Metaphor Poem	The Night Will Never Stay – Eleanor Farjeon Bluebottle – Judith Nichols Windrush child by John Agard – or other poem used as a basis to innovate with similes and metaphors
	Personification Poems	Winter - Olivia Kooker Snow and Snow - Ted Hughes It’s Spring – John Foster Jack Frost – C.E Pike
	Performance poetry	Give and Take – Roger Mc Gough From a Railway Carriage – R.L Stevenson Conversation Piece – Gareth Owen Football Mad – Benjamin Zephaniah Rum Tum Tigger – T.S Eliot

Yr6	Blank Verse (classics)	Mercutio's Queen Mab Monologue in Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare. The Mending Wall by Robert Frost To be or not to be from Hamlet by William Shakespeare Tintern Abbey William Wordsworth The Princess by Alfred Lord Tennyson
	Sonnets (classic)	Compare 2 classic sonnets for content, use of language and rhyme pattern. E.g. Summer-water Sonnet Gillian Clarke Lines Upon Westminster Bridge by William Wordsworth

<p>Narrative /classic</p>	<p>The Highway Man – Alfred Noyse The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear The Listeners by Walter De La Mare The Pied Piper by Robert Browning Matilda by Hillaire Belloc The Tyger by William Blake The Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll The Pillow book by Sei Shonagon The Sick Rose by William Blake</p>
<p>Performance poetry</p>	<p>The Visitor - Ian Serrailler Cargoes - John Masefield The Lion and Albert - Marriot Edgar If - Rudyard Kipling The Jumbles - Edward Lear What I Love About School – Roger Mc Gough <u>Sonnets</u> Mermaid – Susan Rogerson Who Can Know? – Susan Cartwright Smith The bottom of the Jar – Susan Catwright Smith</p>