

CORE POEMS



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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As a school we have identified a core set of poems for each year group. These poems include rhyming poems, poems where alliteration is a strong feature, word games, traditional songs and rhymes, nonsense rhymes, and poems that are particularly rhythmical.

The poems chosen are repeated regularly, elicit a strong response and extend children's vocabulary in different areas of learning.

During poetry time, the same approach is used for each poem. Children will gradually build up their familiarity with and understanding of the poem, by hearing it at least three times. They then learn to perform the poem themselves.

Poetry time will be structured as follows;

Introduction – the poem is introduced to the class.

First reading – children listen for the first time

Second reading: children listen again and use TTYP (Turn to your partner) to discuss characters and key events in the poem to ensure understanding

Third reading: children listen for a third time and start to join in with selected words, phrases or actions

Performing the poem: ideas for how the poem can be performed by the class

Follow-up activities: suggested activities that build on the themes of the poem.

Once the children are familiar with this structure, it will then be used with other poems that the children have selected themselves. This will encourage children to engage with poems and will foster a lifelong appreciation of poetry.

The list of core poems will be added to as the year progresses.

Nursery

Core Poems

- Baa Baa Black Sheep
- Five Little Monkeys
- Here we go round the Mulberry Bush
- Humpty Dumpty
- I Can Sing a Rainbow
- Incy Wincy Spider
- Little Bo Peep
- Row, row, row your boat
- The Wheels on the Bus
- Tippy - Tappy Michael Rosen

Reception

Core Poems

- Bedtime March-past by Moira Andre
- Cake-O-Saurus by Celia Warren
- Where am I? by Mike Barfield
- The Tiger by Peter Niblett
- Oh, Oh the Story Man by Jan Dean
- Zanzibar by Jeanne Willis
- Miss Molly had a Dolly
- Ten Fat Sausages Sizzling in a Pan
- Hey Let's Go by James Carter (Zim Zam Zoom)
- Music by Michael Rosen

Year 1

Core Poems

- Brother by Mary Ann Hoberman
- If I Were a Hawk by Clare Bevan
- Granny, Granny Please Comb My Hair by Grace Nichols
- I've Got a Cold by Roger McGough
- The Monster Under Your Bed by Clare Bevan
- The Sound of Music by Clare Bevan
- Halfway Down A.A Milne
- Bed in Summer Robert Louis Stevenson
- Take a Poem by James Carter
- The Rhythm of Life Michael Rosen

Year 2

Core Poems

- The Book by Michael Rosen
- The Midnight Skaters by Roger McGough
- King of the Dinosaurs by Aoife Mannix
- Question Time by Julia Donaldson
- The Ping Pong Song by Allan Ahlberg

Poetic Devices

- Repetition, rhythm, rhyme
- Alliteration, imagery, simile, word play
- Rhyme, rhythm, simile, word play
- Rhyme, rhythm
- Alliteration, repetition, rhyme, word play

Year 3

Core Poems

- Seeker by Rachel Rooney
- Alternative Santa by Roger McGough
- I like to stay up by Grace Nichols
- Bush Fire by Jackie Kay
- School tomorrow – excuses for Mum by Joseph Coleho
- Goldilocks on CCTV by John Agard

Poetic Devices

- Couplets, rhyme, rhythm
- Rhyme, rhythm
- Repetition, rhyme
- Alliteration, metaphor
- Repetition
- Rhyme, rhythm

Year 4

Core Poems

- The Poet by Rachel Rooney
- The Sea's Hands by George Szirtes
- Sun is laughing by Grace Nichols
- The Cat's Protection League by Roger McGough
- The Bird Crocodile by Aoife Mannix
- The Slow Man by Allan Ahlberg

Poetic Devices

- Metaphor, rhyme, rhythm, stanzas
- Metaphor, personification
- Personification
- Rhyme, rhythm, word play
- Assonance, rhythm
- Imagery, word play

Year 5

Core Poems

- Dark Sky Park by Phillip Gross
- Defending the title by Rachel Rooney
- What do we do with variation? By James Berry
- From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson

Poetic Devices

- Alliteration, assonance, metaphor, refrain
- Alliteration, metaphor, rhyme
- Personification, repetition
- Rhythm, rhyme

Year 6

Core Poems

- Eastbourne by Joseph Coelho
- My Face is a Map by Jackie Kay
- Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow from Macbeth by William Shakespeare

Poetic Devices

- Alliteration, assonance, metaphor, refrain
- Imagery, metaphor