

This document sets out the objectives in the national curriculum that are relevant to poetry in each year group. Where appropriate they have been adapted *(noted in italics)*. Suggested outcomes have been given in the right-hand column.

	F	Reading		Writing	
	Listen, discuss, respond	Understanding	Composition	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	Possible outcomes
Year1	 Listen and discuss a wide range of poems Link to own experiences Join in with predictable phrases Appreciate rhymes and poems and recite some byheart Discuss word meanings Discuss significance of title and events Participate in discussions 	 Draw on background knowledge and vocabularyprovided Check text makes sense,correcting inaccurate reading Infer and predict on the basis of what is said and done and has been read so far Explain understanding 	Write sentences by: - saying out loud what theyare going to write about - composing a sentenceorally before writing it - sequencing sentences toform short narratives - re-reading what they havewritten to check that it makes sense Discuss what they have writtenwith the teacher or other pupils Read aloud their writing clearlyenough to be heard by their peers and the teacher.	 Leaving spaces Joining words and clauses using and Capital letters for names of people, places, days of week and the I 	Performing Performing rhymes and poems, including fromother cultures Performing poems with repeated phrases-Create and include actions Creating Group performance poetry with repeatedpatterns or lines List poems Free verse: based on experiences/objects/ places/feelings/curriculum links/senses etc.Adding words/phrases/captions to images Generate rhyming words/phrases Use a scaffolding frame for creating poemsAll the above could be created as a shared/group write Consider having a poem/rhyme each week to learn/enjoy

	The national curriculum talks about composing sentences and sequences of sentences. Children could compose lines of poems and sequences of lines.	
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Poems in Year 1 (Name, Author, Type)

Autumn Term - London Bridge is Falling Down by Anon - Repeated Lines / The Great Fire by Sue Cowling - Narrative Spring Term - The Eagle by Alfred Lord Tennyson - Rhyming patterns
Summer Term - Space by Celia Gentles (Acrostic/List)



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	Listen, discuss, respond	Understanding	Composition	Vocabulary, grammar and punctuation	Possible outcomes
Year 2	- Listen to, discuss and express views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry - Recognise simple recurring literary languagein poetry - Discuss and clarifying the meanings of words, linkingnew meanings to known vocabulary - Discuss their favouritewords and phrases - Continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate	 Draw on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher Check that the text makessense to them as they read and correct inaccurate reading Make inferences on the basis of what is being saidand done Answer and ask questions Explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listento and those that they read for themselves. 	Develop positive attitudestowards and stamina for writing by: - writing poetry Consider what they are goingto write before beginning by: - planning or saying out loud what they are goingto write about - writing down ideas and/orkey words, including new vocabulary - encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence Make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: - evaluating their writingwith the teacher and	 Explore exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists, apostrophes (contractionand possessive) Sentences with differentforms: statement, question, exclamation, command Expanded noun phrases todescribe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly] The present and past tenses correctly and consistently including theprogressive form subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and coordination (using or, and, or but) 	Contemporary and classic poetryLyrics (contractions) Poems with repeated patterns and patternedstructure Question and answer poemsSimple raps Creating Simple structured grammar poem (adjective, noun, verb etc.). This could be used to exploretenses: past, present, incl. progressive Poems that include commandsList poems Question and answer poemsCalligram words/phrases Free verse: based on experiences/objects/ places/feelings/curriculum links/senses etc. Explore effective/innovative language choices Jokes/riddles/nonsense sentences/puns/humourous words and phrases/tongue twisters (jokes could link to work on homophones) Alliterative sentences



intonation to	other pupils	Innovated patterned
make the	- re-reading to check	structures
meaning clear	that their writing	
- Participate in	makes sense and	<u>Analysing</u>
discussion about	that verbs to	Poem review:
books, poems and	indicate time are	likes/dislikes/puzzles/patterns
other works that	used correctly and	Consider publication and presentation
are readto them	consistently,	
and those that	includingverbs in	
they can read	the continuous	
for themselves,	form	
taking turns and	- proof-reading to	
listening to what	check forerrors in	
others say	spelling, grammar	
	and punctuation	
	[for example, ends	
	of sentences	
	punctuated	
	correctly]	
	- read aloud what	
	they havewritten	
	with appropriate	
	intonation to make	
	the	
	meaning clear.	

Poems in Year 2 (Name, Author, Type)

Autumn Term - The Owl and the Pussy-Cat by Edward Lear - Repeating Patterns

Spring Term - The Crocodile by Lewis Carroll - Explore effective/innovative language choices

Spring Term - Songs of the Animal World - Traditional African Poem (Zaire/Democratic Republic of Congo) - Performance Poem

Summer Term - The Seaside by Jo Peters - Question and Answer Poem



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Year 3	- Listen to and discuss awide range of fiction, poetry - Read books (poems) that are structured in differentways and reading for a range of purposes - Identify themes and conventions in a wide range of books (poems) - Prepare poems to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action - Discuss words and phrasesthat capture the reader's interest and imagination	 Check that the text makessense to them, discussingtheir understanding and explaining the meaning ofwords in context Ask questions to improvetheir understanding of a text Draw inferences and justifying inferences withevidence Identify main ideas drawnfrom more than one paragraph (verse) and summarising these Identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute tomeaning 	Plan writing by: - discussing writing (forms of poems) similar to that which they are planning towrite in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar - discussing and recording ideas Draft and write by: - composing and rehearsing sentences orally (includingdialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence (line) structures - organising paragraphs (verses) around a themeEvaluate and	 Use a wider range of conjunctions, includingwhen, if, because, although Choose nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition (orrepetition for effect) Conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause Indicate possession byusing the possessive apostrophe with pluralnouns Paragraphs (verses) as away to group related material Expanded noun phrases 	Performing Perform a range of poems exploring intonation, tone, volume and actions. Consider the impact of the above on the listener Perform narrative poems. Explore different voices for narrator and characters. Perform free verse poems Creating Narrative poems Free verse poems List poems Conversation poemsHaiku Kennings Calligrams Special effects: similes, metaphors, personification etc. Song lyrics (apostrophes) Analysing Read/discuss a range of poems and discuss Types of poems they are and how youknow.



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	differentforms of
	poetry (for
	example, free
	verse, narrative
	poetry)
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Participate in discussion about both books (poems)that are read to them and those they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say.

edit by:

- assessing the effectiveness of their ownand others' writing and suggesting improvements
- proposing changes to grammar and vocabularyto improve consistency

Read aloud their own writing *(poem),* to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear.

- Structure of the poem
- Purpose of the poem
 Poems could be sorted into
 different forms. Are they easy to sort
 or are some ambiguous? Summarise
 poems
 Poetry analysis/review:

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Themes/interestingwords
phrases/type of
poem/response/questions you have

Poems in Year 3 (Name, Author, Type)

Autumn Term - A Show In The Colosseum - Roger Stevens - Narrative/ Eight Swords by Roger Stevens - Kennings (represent in a Calligram)

Spring Term - The Sea - James Reeves - Personification

Summer Term - No Haiku by Adrian Henri - Haiku



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listening to what		Themes/interestingwords
others say.	Read aloud their own	phrases/type of
	writing <i>(poem),</i> to a	poem/response/questions you have
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	using appropriate	
	intonation and	
	controlling thetone and	
	volume so that the	
	meaning is clear.	

Poems in Year 4 (Name, Author, Type)

Autumn Term - Remembrance Day Remembered by John Mole/ The Soldiers Came by John Agard/Remembrance by Sue Cowling - Acrostic Spring Term - I Was Born in The Stone Age by Michael Rosen = Conversation Poem Summer Term - People Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah - Narrative Poem



Purposes for poetry: to convey information, to entertain, to share a story, to amuse, to reflect, to pass on culture heritage, to pray with thanks, to celebrate, to praise, to persuade etc. The purpose for poetry should be discussed with pupils.

	Poetic forms and devices
Alliteration	This is when words that start with the same sound are used repeatedly in a phrase or sentence
Assonance	This is the repetition of a vowel sound within nearby words
Blackout poem	This is when a poet takes a piece of text and crosses out much of the original text. The words left form a new
	poem.
Ballad	A poem or song that narrates a story in short stanzas. It may use rhythm and rhyme
Calligram	This is a word, phrase or poem that is presented in a visual way. This may be by the shape of the letters, some words or the whole poem which links to the meaning/theme of the words/poems.
Cinquain	A cinquain has a 5 line structure. It follows the pattern:Line 1: 2
	syllables
	Line 2: 4 syllables
	Line 3: 6 syllables
	Line 4: 8 syllables
	Line 5: 2 syllables
Comic Verse	There are no fixed rules for rhyme and rhythm. Comic verse often involves a play on words and focuses on
Conne verse	amusing the reader
Concrete poem	A poem that is written in the shape of the words on the page match the subject of the poem
Conversation poems	A poem that creates the appearance of a conversation that has been inserted into the structure of a poem.
Couplet	Two lines of a poem that have the same rhythm and rhyme
Free verse	Free verse poems do not follow particular forms and are without rhythm and rhyme. Some examples could be
	monologue, list poems, narrative
Haiku	This is a Japanese poem with the intention of evoking images. It follows the structureLine 1: 5
	syllables
	Line 2: 7 syllables
	Line 3: 5 syllables
Kennings	A kenning describes the qualities of something using two-word phrases in the place of a noun. Kenning poems
	uses two-word phrases on each line and may include metaphors
Limerick	A five line comic verse where the 1 st , 2 nd and 5 th line rhyme with each other and the 3 rd and 4 th line rhyme with
	each other
List poem	A list poem often has a list of words, phrases or sentences on a subject. They often have a starter word or
	sentence. E.g. For breakfast I will eat Things that Words and phrases are often repeated. It may or may notrhyme.
Metaphor	This is when something is described as being the same as an unrelated object. They are often used to create
N	effects and images.
Narrative	A narrative poem tells a story. It may be free verse or involve rhythm and rhyme.
Onomatopoeia	This is a word that describes it sound
Personification	This is when objects, animals and plants are given human qualities to help paint a picture in the reader's mind
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Quatrain	A stanza with four lines where usually alternate lines rhyme	
Question and answer	This is structured as a dialogue between two people and often follows the structure of a question followed by an	
	answer.	
Rap	This is a musical vocal delivery involve rhythm and rhyme	
Riddle	This is generally presented as a puzzle to be solved. They may often have clues to a unknown object or person.	
Simile	When something is compared to another thing using 'as' or 'like' to paint a picture in reader's mind	
Structured grammar poem A poem that follows a specific grammar structure. Children can then use this structure to create the		
	poem	
Tongue twister	Short poems or lines that are hard to say because they use a lot of similar sounds	



Year 1 Core Set of Poems

Autumn Term - London Bridge is Falling Down by Anon - Repeated Lines

> London Bridge is falling down Falling down, falling down London Bridge is falling down My fair lady

Build it up with iron bars Iron bars, iron bars Build it up with iron bars My fair lady

Iron bars will bend and break Bend and break, bend and break Iron bars will bend and break My fair lady

Build it up with gold and silver Gold and silver, gold and silver Build it up with gold and silver My fair lady

Gold and silver we've not got We've not got, we've not got Gold and silver we've not got My fair lady

London Bridge is falling down Falling down, falling down London Bridge is falling down My fair lady

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The Summer's been a scorcher.
There's still no sign of rain.
A baker's left his oven on.
Down in Pudding Lane!
So go and tell the King,
Wake the Lord Mayor from his bed.
The wind is from the east
Which means the fire is sure to
spread.

Now London Bridge is burning,
Our houses are all gone,
The churches are in ruins,
Streets too hot to walk upon!
So go and fetch a bucket
And join the human chain
To fight the mighty blaze
That started down in Pudding Lane.

Spring Term – The Eagle by Alfred Lord Tennyson – Rhyming patterns

The Eagle

He clasps the crag with crooked hands;
Close to the sun in lonely lands,
Ring'd with the azure world, he stands.

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls; He watches from his mountain walls, And like a thunderbolt he falls. Summer Term – Space by Celia Gentles (Acrostic/List)

Stars
Planets
Asteroids
Constellations
Extra-terrestrials



Year 2 Core Set of Poems

Autumn Term - The Owl and the Pussy-Cat by Edward Lear – Repeating Patterns

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat

The Owl and the Pussy-cat went to sea
In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five-pound note.
The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
"O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
What a beautiful Pussy uou are!"

Pussy said to the Owl, "You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married! too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?"
They sailed away, for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-Tree grows
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.

"Dear Pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling
Your ring?" Said the Piggy, "I will."
So they took it away, and were married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the hill.
They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon;
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the moon.

Spring Term - The Crocodile by Lewis Carroll - Explore effective/innovative language choices

The Crocodile

How doth the little crocodile Improve his shining tail, And pour the waters of the Nile On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin,
How neatly spreads his claws,
And welcomes little fishes in,
With gently smiling jaws!

Spring Term –
Songs of the
Animal World –
Traditional
African Poem
(Zaire/Democratic
Republic of
Congo)
Performance
Poem

The fish goes... Hip! The bird goes... Viss! The monkey goes... Gnan!

I start to the left,
I twist to the right,
I am the fish
That slips through the
water,
That slides,
That twists,
That leaps!

Everything lives, Everything dances, The fish goes... Hip! The bird goes... Viss! The monkey goes... Gnan! The bird flies away, Flies, flies, flies, Goes, returns, passes, Climbs, floats, swoops, I am the bird!

Everything lives, Everything dances, The fish goes... Hip! The bird goes... Viss! The monkey goes... Gngn!

The monkey! From branch to branch Runs, hops, jumps, With his wife and babu.

Mouth stuffed full, tail in air, Here's the monkey, here's the Monkey!

Everything lives, Everything dances, The fi sh goes... Hip! The bird goes... Viss! The monkey goes... Gnan! **Summer Term** – The Seaside by Jo Peters – Question and Answer Poem

Are we nearly there?
Can you see the sea?
Who will be ready first?
Mel mel mel

Does the sand tickle?

Down by the sea

Who can make footprints?

Mel mel mel

The seagulls are crying, 'Shush,' says the sea.

Down by the sea

Who dares put a toe in?

Mel mel mel



Year 3 Core Set of Poems

Autumn Term - A Show In The Colosseum - Roger Stevens -Narrative

The lion leaped, I dodged, I danced, I struck the creature with my lance.
His claw drew blood.
I winced, I cried,
I held my side.
He leaped again, I dodged, I ducked I threw my net and caught his mane
And with my lance
I cancelled out my debt.
The lion died.

I heard the crowd roar, Cheer, applaud. I looked to Caesar, saw him frown His hand extended Thumb held... Autumn Term - Eight Swords by Roger Stevens - Kennings (represent in a Calligram)

> Death Bringer Fear Striker Starlight Catcher Body Halver Blood Letter Mercy Killer Head Splitter Flesh Carver

Spring Term – The Sea – James Reeves – Personification

The sea is a hunary doa.

Giant and grey.
He rolls on the beach all day.
With his clashing teeth and shaggy
jaws
Hour upon hour he gnaws
The rumbling, tumbling stones,
And 'Bones, bones, bones!'
The giant sea-dog moans,
Licking his greasy paws.

And when the night wind roars
And the moon rocks in the stormy
cloud,
He bounds to his feet and snuffs and
sniffs,
Shaking his wet sides over the cliffs,
And howls and hollows long and loud.

But on quiet days in May or June, When even the grasses on the dune Play no more their reedy tune, With his head between his paws He lies on the sandy shores, So quiet, so quiet, he scarcely snores. Summer Term – No Haiku by Adrian Henri – Haiku

> I'm sorry to say that I really don't feel like a Haiku today.



Year 4 Core Set of Poems

Autumn Term - Remembrance Day Remembered by John Mole

For the sake of men we never knew
We trooped into the hall
Where there names in golden letters
Were written on the wall.

Somebody sounded a bugle And ghosts seemed everywhere Until the last note softly fell On the suddenly empty air.

Then the world filled up with living
In its own accustomed way,
With the usual busy traffic
Of the usual busy day.

But what I most remember And know that I always will Is how we stood utterly silent And absolutely still. **Autumn Term** - The Soldiers Came by John Agard

The soldiers came and dropped their bombs.
The soldiers didn't take long to bring the forest down.

With the forest gone the birds are gone With the birds gone who will sing their song?

But the soldiers forgot
to take the forest
out of the people's hearts.
The soldiers forgot
to take the birds
out of the people's dreams.
And in the people's dreams the birds still sing their song.

Now the children are planting seedlings to help the forest grow again.
They eat a simple meal of soft rice wrapped in banana leaf.
And the land welcomes their smiling like a shower of rain.

Spring Term – I Was Born in The Stone Age by Michael Rosen - Conversation Poem

I Was Born in the Stone Age I was born in the Stone Age.

When I was at school, we didn't have chairs or desks, we sat on rocks, and we didn't have paper or pens so Miss used to say, 'Get out your rock' and then we wrote on rocks with a smaller rock, or what's called a 'stone'.

Then, I went home and we didn't have TV in the Stone Age. We just had a rock.

Mum used to put a rock on top of the rock and we'd say, 'What's on the rock tonight, Mum?'

She'd say, 'A rock'.

And then we watched 'The Rock'.

We just stared at it for hours.

Then we went to bed.

Which was also a rock

Then the Stone Age came to an end. We woke up one morning and everyone said, 'The Stone Age's finished.' You can see that when you look at your timeline on the wall of your classrooms.

We just lay on a rock.

Summer Term - People Need People by Benjamin Zephaniah -Narrative Poem

People need people,
To walk to
To talk to
To cry and rely on,
People will always need people.
To love and to miss
To hug and to kiss,
It's useful to have other people.
To whom to moan
If you're all alone,
It's so hard to share
When no one is there.
There's not much to do
When there's no one but you.
People will always need people.

To please
To tease
To put you at ease,
People will always need people.
To make life appealing
And give life some meaning,
It's useful to have other people.
It you need a change
To whom will you turn.
If you need a lesson
From whom will you learn.
If you need to play
You'll know why I say
People will always need people.



Autumn Term - Remembrance by Sue Cowling - Acrostic

Fleven in the Morning on the Eleventh day of the eleventh Month. We Bow our heads Respectfullu And think of those who did Not live to Celebrate peace and the End of fighting.

Red poppies at

There's The Stone Age.

That's at the beginning of everything. The Stone Age is at the start of your timeline and the Stone Age begins with a line.

Then comes the Stone Age.

Then there's a line at the end of the Stone Aae.

The Stone Age just ends.

That's how it was for us.

Then along came the next 'Age'.

That one's the Leaf Age or Twig Age or

something.

What IS the next 'Age' called?

The Mud Age, I think.

I should remember...

Anyway,

I was born in the Stone Age.

As airlfriends As boufriends From Bombau

To Ostend. People will always need people-

To have friendly fights with And share tasty bites with,

It's useful to have other people.

People live in families

Ganas, posses and packs. Its seems we need company

Before we relax.

So stop making enemies

And let's face the facts.

People will always need people,

Yes

People will always need people.





