

Poetry Progression Harwell 2024/2025

Year Group	Focus poet	Focus type	Example ideas to share of classic and rhyme poetry	Performance poetry ideas
Reception	Nick Sharratt What's in the Witch's Kitchen Oh No! Shark in the Snow!	Alphabet list poems Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar	Hurt no Living Thing – Christina Rossetti My Many Coloured Days – Dr Seuss A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the Very Young – Michael Rosen	Miss Polly Hot Cross Buns One, Two Buckle My Shoe Miss Polly Caribbean Counting Poem – Pamela Mordecai The Dark Wood – anon
1	Julia Donaldson Room on the Broom What the Ladybird Heard	Alliterative list poems Alphabet Poem - Michael Rosen	Little Rabbit Foo Foo – Michael Rosen Yo Ho Ho! A- Pirating We'll Go! – Kate Umansky The Magic Beach – Alison Lester The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems Please Mrs Butler – Allan Ahlberg Each Peach Pear Plum – Janet and Allan Ahlberg Out and About – Shirley Hughes Pirate Pete – James Carter Bed in Summer – R.L. Stevenson (Classic)	The Rhythm of Life – Michael Rosen 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

2	Roald Dahl Revolting Rhymes (Little Red Riding Hood)	Acrostic poems Roald Dahl Shape poems 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	10 Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket – Ian McMillan Pleasant Sounds – John Clare I think Mice are Rather Nice – Rose Fyleman Now we are Six and Halfway Down – AA Milne (Classic) The Owl and the Pussycat – Edward Lear (Classic) On the Ning Nang Nong – Spike Milligan (Classic)	I'm Walking with my Iguana – Brian Moses Solo with Chorus – Rose Fyleman Nut Tree – Julia Donaldson The Dinosaur Rap – John Foster Cats – Eleanor Farjeon Shhhhhh! – Julia Donaldson Soloman Grundy – Days of the week
3	Michael Rosen	Haiku poems Seaview Haiku – John Foster Windy Day – John Foster Haiky Riddle – Celia Warren Tanka poems Silver aeroplane – John Foster The Penny Black – John Foster Two Tanka Riddles – Marian Swinger	The Marrog – R. C. Scriven The 3-Headed Dog – Clare Bevan The Months – Sara Coleridge Ducks Ditty – Kenneth Grahame The Lost Words (book) – Robert Macfarlane The Camel's Hump – Rudyard Kipling (Classic)	The Sound Collector – Roger McGough Life doesn't Frighten me at all – Mya Angelou Twenty Four Hours – Charles Causley Instructions for Giants – John Rice
4	John Foster	Limerick	Heard it in the Playground – Allan Ahlberg The Magic Box – Kit Wright	Macavity by T.S Eliot The Treasures – Clare Bevan

	Dragon Poems Word Whirls – John Foster	Loopy Limericks (book) by John Foster	Refugees – Brian Bilston We Refugees – Benjamin Zephaniah The British Poem -Benjamin Zephaniah City Jungle- Pie Corbett Jack Frost – C.E. Pike What is the Sun? (Metaphor poem)– Wes Magee The Witch's Poem from Macbeth – Shakespeare (Classic) Various song lyrics	Today, I feel – Gervais Phinn The Trouble with My Brother – Brian Patten You Can't Stop me – Miriam Moss
5	Joseph Coelho If All the World Were Paper – Joseph Coelho	Cinquain 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	The Rainforest Grew All Around – Susan K Mitchell Shimbleshanks the Railway Cat – T.S. Elliott Junk- the Story of Jasper O'Leary -Kirk Hendry (also on Literacy Shed and Youtube) The Highwayman – Alfred Noyes (Classic) Jabberwocky – Lewis Carroll (Classic) The Tyger – William Blake (Classic)	Give and Take – Roger Mc Gough Conversation Piece – Gareth Owen Football Mad – Benjamin Zephaniah Rum Tum Tiger – T.S Eliot
6	Carol Ann Duffy	Sonnets	Where the Poppies Now Grow – Hilary Robinson Sea Fever – John Masefield	From a Railway Carriage – Robert Louis Stevenson (Classic)

	The Christmas Truce – Carol Ann Duffy	Compare 2 classic sonnets for content, use of language and rhyme pattern. (E.g) Summer-water Sonnet - Gillian Clarke Lines Upon Westminster Bridge - William Wordsworth Mermaid – Susan Rogerson Who Can Know? – Susan Cartwright Smith The bottom of the Jar – Susan Cartwright Smith	Night Mail – W.H. Auden (Classic) Daffodils – William Wordsworth (Classic)	The Visitor – Ian Serrailler Cargoes – John Masefield The Lion and Albert – Marriot Edgar If – Rudyard Kipling The Jumblies – Edward Lear What I Love About School – Roger McGough
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