Sacred Heart RC Nursery & Primary School



Progression in Poetry

EYFS poetry and rhyme statements

Three and Four Year olds/ Children in Reception

Sing a large repertoire of songs. Know many rhymes.

Consider which core books, songs and rhymes you want children to become familiar with and grow to love.

Enjoy songs and rhymes, tuning in and paying attention.

Join in with songs and rhymes, copying sounds, rhythms, tunes and tempo.

Say some of the words in songs and rhymes.

Copy finger movements and other gestures.

Sing songs and say rhymes independently, for example, singing whilst playing.

Previous Development Matter Statements

22-36 m

Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a ...'. Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles.

30-50m

To enjoy rhyming and rhythmic activities.

To show an awareness of rhyme and alliteration.

To recognize rhythm in spoken words.

40-60m

To continue a rhyming string. To understand humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes.

To follow a story without pictures or props.

Nursery							
Establish weekly: 'Nursery Rhyme Time'							
Daily nursery rhymes: choral, round robins. (See literature Overview and progression for lists of nursery rhymes/ action and circle songs) Building on initial Sounds Hearing and responding to rhyme							
Reception							
Shape Poetry	Shape poetry Link to theme.	What do you notice about the words on the page? How is this different to how we read a book?	Opportunity to develop and widen vocabulary in relation to objects	Building on: To use vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to them. To build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences			
Focus on rhyme	Children to listen, learn Nursery Rhymes and Songs Poems should be lead by children's interest and include a focus on rhythm and rhyme. Children should develop an awareness of rhyme and be able to talk about rhyming words.						

Pupils should be taught to develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by listening to and discussing a wide range of poems at a level beyond that at which they can read independently.

Learn to appreciate rhymes and poems, and to recite some by heart.

Reading Poetry

Discuss own response and what the poem is about; talk about favourite words or parts of a poem; notice the poems pattern particularly rhyme.

Performing Poetry

Perform in unison, following the rhythm and keeping time; imitate and invent actions linked to onomatopoeia.

Creating Poetry

Observe details of first hand experiences using the senses and describe; list words and phrases or use a repeating pattern or line.

Throughout year one, children should be given **weekly** opportunities to listen to themes of poetry from the 'The Works poetry spine'. Listen to poetry surrounding the themes of: **Adventures with Pirates, Ghosts and Aliens and Fairies Princesses and Aliens (See The Works KS1)**

Children particularly should be given the opportunity to listen and identify rhyme. Building on listening and identifying rhyme from the EYFS.

Riddles WRITING OUTCOME	Riddles	The poem describes a noun (usually an object), but does not name it, i.e. it may describe a tiger as striped and furry. The last line usually directly addresses the reader and uses a question, e.g. 'What is it?' or 'Can you guess what I could be?' The mood of the poem is light-hearted.	Opportunity to develop description: nouns and adjectives	Continued opportunity to increase children's receptive and expressive vocabulary.
Onomatopoeia Listen and perform adding in sound effects ONOMATOPOEIA	The Ghost in the castle by Charles Thomson Mrs Sprockett's Strange Machine by Michaela Morgan Crackle! Spit! Marie Thom Rickety Train Ride by Tony Mitton	Listen to poems with a focus on onomatopoeia. Children to identify words that convey a sound and link this to performance. Revisit rhyme and discuss what words rhyme within the poems.	Introduce onomatopoeia Performance: in unison, keeping rhythm, invent actions. Revisit rhyme	Continuation from the EYFS 'Rhyme Time'. Children should be used to performing rhyme and rhythm.
Acrostic Link to theme	Acrostic poetry	The first or last letter in each line spell out a word. Most commonly, it is the first letter that spells out the word. The acrostic links to a given theme, e.g. winter. Lines usually end with commas.	Initial sounds Develop understanding of nouns and adjectives	Link to shape poems in Reception, how poetry can look different and include different features. Again, making comparison to what we see in a book.

Children can create them	
using lists of words or	
lines.	

Pupils should be taught to recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry.

Continue to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.

Participate in discussion about poems a explain and discuss their understanding of poems.

Reading Poetry

Talk about own views, the subject matter and possible meanings; comment on which words have most effect, noticing alliteration, assonance and onomatopoeia; discuss simple poetry patterns

Performing Poetry

Perform individually or together; speak clearly and audibly. use actions and sound effects to add to the poems meaning.

Creating Poetry

Experiment with alliteration to create images; make adventurous word choices to describe closely observed experiences; use simple patterns to create poetry form.

Haikus-Link to theme. Linked to theme WRITING OUTCOME Haikus (or 'Hokku') E.g. The haiku Originates from Japan -The mood of a haiku is generally serious, and can relate to many themes, including nature or loveThe sun is so warm up high.(7) love the summer. (5) Haikus-Link to theme. Haikus (or 'Hokku') The haiku Originates from Japan -The mood of a haiku is generally serious, and can relate to many themes, including nature or loveThe line structure is as follows: Line 1: 5 syllables; Line 2: 7 syllables; Line 2: 7 syllables; Line 3: 5 syllables. (14 in total). Each line starts with a capital letter.

Theme: Senses assonance	The Sound Collector Roger McGough Book of poems inspired by the five senses by Roger McGough	Exploring the theme of senses. Free verse poetry-different to limericks and Haikus that have a specific structure.	Introduce assonance Revisit onomatopoeia	Revisit onomatopoeia from year 1
Theme: Natural World Alliteration Performing	Sea Seasons Moira Andrews	Alliteration used to enhance imagery and sound. Repeated stanza structure.	Introduce alliteration	
	Nature's Numbers	Adventurous word choice for animal description	Further examples of alliteration	
	Beach Orchestra Fil Bufalo	Onomatopoeia to enhance imagery.	Revisit onomatopoeia	

listening to and discussing a wide range of poetry, and plays.

Preparing poems and play scripts to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone, volume and action.

Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest and imagination .

Recognising some different forms of poetry [for example, free verse, narrative poetry]

Reading poetry

Describe the effect a poem has and suggest possible interpretations; discuss the choice of words and their impact, noticing how the poet creates sound effects by using alliteration, rhythm or rhyme and creates pictures using similes; explain the pattern of different simple forms.

Performing Poetry (including plays)

Perform individually or chorally; vary volume, experimenting with expression and use pauses for effect, use actions, voices, sound effects and musical patterns to add to a performance

Creating Poetry

Invent new similes and experiment with word play to create humour; use powerful nouns, adjectives and verbs; experiment with alliteration and similies; write free verse; borrow or create a repeating pattern

Poetry Form	Clerihew	- four lines in length, and	Build on rhyme AABB	Build on understanding of syllables in
Link to theme	E.g.	includes rhyming couplets (AABB).		year 2 from Haikus.
Limerick	Mr Smith wears a wig,	-The subject of the poem is		
	But for his head it's	typically a character who is		
	rather big. In windy	named on one of the lines.		
	weather he was careless.	-The mood of this type of		
	Now Mr Smith's head is hairless	poem is comic.		
	Limerick - link to theme	The poem is five lines in	Build on rhyme AABBAA	Children should have a solid
	E.g.	length and follows the	syllable	foundation of rhyme from EYFS and
		rhyme scheme AABBA.		year 1.
	There was an old man	The line structure is as		
	with a beard, Who said,	follows:		
	'It is just as I feared, Two	Line 1: 7-10 syllables;		
	owls and a hen A lark and	Line 2: 7-10 syllables;		
	a wren Have all built their	Line 3: 5-7 syllables;		
	nests in my beard!	Line 4: 5-7 syllables; Line 5: 7-10 syllables.		
		The first line usually begins		
		with 'There was a' and		
		ends with the name of a		
		person or place.		
		The last line should be		
		rather unusual or far-		
		fetched.		

		Each line starts with a capital letter. Lines often end with a comma. The mood of this type of poem is comic, and it can even be nonsense.				
Theme: Animals Similie	The Magnificent Bull Dinke Tribe (Traditional poem from Africa)	Poem from another culture Imagery through simile Inference through vocabulary (that it is from another culture) Free verse	Introduce Simile	Compare free verse to rhyming poems.		
	Cat Began by Andrew Matthews	Repetition- repeated stanza structure. Imagery through analogy. Free verse	Identify and recap alliteration Link to simile from magnificent bull	Building on use of alliteration in year two for sound.		
PLAYS	Through Talk for Writing					
			ptation of Aesop's Fables			

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Reading poetry

Describe poems impact and explain own interpretation by referring to the poem; comment on the use of similes, onomatopoeia; alliteration/assonance and expressive language to create images, sound effects and atmosphere.

Develop understanding of personification to capture reader's interest imagination and create images.

Discuss the poems form and suggest the effect on the reader.

Performing Poetry

Vary volume, pace and use appropriate expression when performing use actions, sound effects, musical patterns and images to enhance a poem's meaning

Creating Poetry

use language playfully to exaggerate or pretend; use similes and simple personification to build images; write free verse; use a repeating pattern; experiment with simple forms.

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Renga ('linked poem')	Renga poems are written	Different writing conventions-	Link to syllables in Limericks in year 3		
	by more than one poet.	writing in partnership.	and Haikus in Year 2.		
The final leaf falls (5)	Poet A would write three				
The tree branches are so	lines following the				
bare (7)	structure below. Poet B				
Autumn has arrived (5)	would then write the last				
Remember Summer's	two lines of the verse				
warm kiss (7) So gentle, it will be	following the given				
missed. (7)	structure. This is repeated				
111133Cd. (7)	within a pair or small				
	group until the poem is				
	complete.				
	The line structure is as				
	follows:				
	Line 1: 5 syllables;				
	Line 2: 7 syllables;				
	Line 3: 5 syllables;				
	Line 4: 7 syllables;				
	Line 5: 7 syllables.				
	There is no set rhyme				
	scheme.				

hael Rosen	First exploration of narrative poetry	Introduction to features of	Link to experience of Spider and the Fly
	Free verse performance Poetry	narrative poetry Free Verse Poetry Performance Performance- pitch, pace, volume, images and dramatic interpretation. Dialogue within poetry	in linked lessons in Year 3.
Frozen Man by Kit ght Jungle Pie Corbett Spring by John Foster Frost by C E Pike	All these poems personify the landscape, weather or seasons. Focus on descriptive language, use of adjectives. Poems differ but provide good examples of personification. Free verse	Introduce personification Recap alliteration/ assonance Recap Onomatopoeia Recap simile Identify free verse	Link to theme of natural world in year 2 and animals in year 3- how poetic devices can be used to enhance sights, sounds and feelings and poetry can convey themes in different ways.
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Identifying and discussing themes and conventions in and across a wide range of writing.

Identifying how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning.

Discuss and evaluate how authors use language, including figurative language, considering the impact on the reader.

Reading Poetry

Discuss poets possible viewpoint, explain and justify own response and interpretation; explain the use of unusual or surprising language choices and effects, such as alliteration, similes, onomatopoeia and assonance and comment on how this influences meaning; explore imagery including metaphor and personification; compare different forms and describe impact. Identify and make links to themes.

Performing Poetry (including plays)

Vary pitch, pace, volume, expression and use pauses to create impact; use actions, sound effects, musical patterns, images and dramatic interpretation.

Creating Poetry

Invent nonsense words and situations and experiment with unexpected word combinations; use carefully observed details and apt images to bring subject matter alive; write free verse; use or invent repeating patterns; attempt different forms, including rhyme for humour.

Use simple metaphors and personification to create poems based on real or imagined experience; *Use a range of devices such as alliteration, similes, onomatopoeia.*

Kenning metaphor	Kenning E.g. My Sister Dummy-sucker Teddy-thrower Anything-chewer Kiss-giver Slave-employer Dolly-hugger Calm-destroyer Milk-drinker Nappy-leaker Peace-breaker Scream-shrieker Unlike any other My sister.	A kenning is a two word phrase which describes an object, often using a metaphor to do so. Kenning poems are a type of riddle which use kennings to describe something or someone. Each line consists of one kenning. There is no set number of lines in each verse. The kennings should be ordered within the poem with consideration of the impact on the reader. Opportunity to be linked to theme.	Introduce to metaphor Revisit alliteration Unexpected word combinations Carefully observed detail. humour	Building upon alliteration from year 2s Sea Seasons by Moira Andrews.
Narrative Poetry metaphor	The Highwayman- Alfred Noyes	Narrative Poetry Due to length you may read whole poem but focus only on best examples of metaphor etc. Development of suspense/ tense atmosphere. Description: mystery/ dark, ghostly.	Introduce metaphor Recap alliteration, similes. Onomatopoeia. Performance- pitch, pace, volume, images and dramatic interpretation. Contrast to free verse poetry FArTHER	Build on Narrative poetry from Year 4 Compare to chocolate cake and The Spider and the Fly from year 3.
Free Verse Poetry	FArTHER by Graheme Baker Smith Picture Book	Free verse poetry	Structure, form, rhyme, rhythm, lines, stanzas.	Compare form/ theme with Chocolate cake in year 3.

	FREE VERSE POEM			Contrast with Limericks/ Renga/ poems with repeated structure, e.g. sea seasons from year 2.
Theme: Natural World- sea, moon, world etc metaphor	The Seas Hands George Szirtes	Beautiful imagery of the sea. Use of literary techniques/ figurative language for imagery and visualisation.	Introduce metaphor Recap personification	Link to theme of depiction of natural world in poetry Sea Seasons Moira Andrews (yr 2) and Magnificent Bull (yr 3).
	The Moon at Knowle Hill by Jackie Kay Poem from Red Cherry Red (Anthology of Poems)		Recap Personification Recap assonance	Link to assonance in Year 3 The Sound Collector
PLAY	The Tempest/ Macbeth William Shakespeare	Including performance of the witches chant- focus on rhythm and purpose of the rhythm	vary pitch, pace, volume, expression and use pauses to create impact; use actions, sound effects, musical patterns, images and dramatic interpretation. Compare and contrast: story version to play; comedy to tragedy etc. Archaic language	Link to knowledge of playscripts in Year 3- adaptations of Aesop's Fabels

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Reading poetry

Interpret poems, explaining how the poet creates shades of meaning; justify own views and explain underlying themes.

Explain the use of unusual or surprising language choices and effects, such as alliteration, similes, onomatopoeia and assonance and comment on how this influences meaning.

Explain the impact of figurative and expressive language, including metaphor and personification.

Comment on poems structures and how these influence meaning

Performing poetry

Vary pitch, pace volume, rhythm and expression in relation to the poems meaning and form. Use actions, sound effects, musical patterns, images and dramatic interpretation.

Creating Poetry

use language imaginatively to create surreal, surprising, and inventive poetry; use simple metaphors and personification to create poems based on real or imagined experience; select pattern or form to match meaning and own voice. *Use a range of devices such as alliteration, similes, onomatopoeia.*

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Octava Rima	Octava Rima	An Ottava Rima is an Italian	Introduction to another poetic	Development in rhyme from Limerick in
		poem made up of eight	form and structure.	Year 3.
Poetry Form	E.g.	lines that rhyme. Each line		
Link to	Quickly did the tiger begin his fast	consists of eleven syllables.	Opportunity to incorporate	Development of use of syllables from
theme.	run Over hilly ground you see him fly and leap The passive prey laying grazing in the sun Suddenly its life that it wanted to keep Tiger pounces, quickly getting the job done The prey collapsing in a really big heap Tiger sleeps as night takes over from the day Will we ever see the hunter become prey?	An Ottava Rima poem is made up of an octave with the rhyme pattern ab ab ab cc	alliteration and simile within the poem.	Renga from year 4.

Narrative Poetry	The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe	Mystery/ darkness/ intrigue/ suspense	Recap: Metaphor Alliteration	Link to Narrative poetry from Year 5 The Highway Man.
		Narrative poetry.	Repetition Rhyme Shades of meaning; underlying themes.	Could turn into a mystery narrative
Theme: Natural World	Bluebottle by Judith Nicholls	Free verse. Return to natural world but poems progress in complexity due to the number of poetic conventions within them.	Recap as all conventions present in poem: alliteration metaphor simile echoes of kennings	Link to theme of depiction of natural world in poetry Sea Seasons Moira Andrews (yr 2) and Magnificent Bull (yr 3).
	Dark Sky Park by Philip Gross Linked poems for a selection: Dark Sky Park by Philip Gross Anthology of poems (planning on CLPE website)	Opportunity to explore Philip Gross' anthology.	Alliteration metaphor Assonance Imagery rhythm Repetition form	
Theme: War Performance only	Flanders Fields by John Mccrae	Poems with the theme of war- how poetry provides comfort and people that have encountered tragedy	Recap: Metaphor Alliteration Symbolism Steady meter and rhyme scheme	

	a way of expressing their grief.	Unbroken iambic tetrameter	
Dulce et Decorum est by Wilfred Owen		similes, metaphors, personification, rhyming, alliteration, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, direct speech and irony.	