

Whitegate Poetry Spine 2024-2025

Year	Type of Poem	Example: Poem & Poet	
Acorns (Reception)	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	
Rowan (Year 1)	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	
	Shape Poem	Aaaah!!!! At last it's Spring – James Carter	
	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	
Birch (Year 2)	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 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	

Elder (Year 3)	Narrative with Rhyme	Scared – Michael Rosen The Listeners – Walter de la Mer 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	
	Kennings		
	Performance poetry	<u>Y3</u> Life doesn't Frighten me at all – Mya Angelou The Sound Collector – Roger Mc Gough Twenty Four Hours – Charles Causley Instructions for Giants – John Rice	
Hawthorn (Year 4/5)	Limericks	Loopy Limericks (book) by John Foster	
	Monologue – one voice	Team Talk – Alan Ahlberg There's an Alien in the Classroom – Gervais Phinn	
	Simile and Metaphor Poem	The Sun – Wes Magee Don't be scared – Caroll Ann Duffy 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	
	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	
	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	

Oak (Year 5/6)	Personification Poems	Winter - Olivia Kooker Snow and Snow - Ted Hughes It's Spring – John Foster Jack Frost – C.E Pike	
	Narrative /classic	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	
	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	
	Performance poetry	Give and Take – Roger Mc Gough From a Railway Carriage – R.L Stevenson Conversation Piece – Gareth Owen 7 Football Mad – Benjamin Zephaniah Rum Tum Tiger – T.S Eliot 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 Mc Gough <u>Sonnets</u> Mermaid – Susan Rogerson Who Can Know? – Susan Cartwright Smith The bottom of the Jar – Susan Cartwright Smith	