

Suggested poetry spine for primary:

| Phase Group | Title | Poet/illustrator |
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| EYFS | <i>Honey for You, Honey for Me</i> | Michael Rosen, Chris Riddell |
| | <i>Big Green Crocodile</i> | Jane Newberry, Carolina Rabei |
| | <i>Big Red Dragon</i> | Jane Newberry, Carolina Rabei |
| | <i>A Great Big Cuddle</i> | Michael Rosen, Chris Riddell |
| | <i>Zim, Zam, Zoom</i> | James Carter, Nicola Colton |
| | <i>Out and About</i> | Shirley Hughes |
| | <i>Ready for Spaghetti</i> | Michael Rosen, Polly Dunbar |
| | <i>Here's a Little Poem</i> | ed. Jane Yolen, Andrew Fusek Peters, Polly Dunbar |
| | <i>A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes and Poems</i> | Illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon |
| | <i>I See the Moon: Bedtime Rhymes and Poems</i> | Rosalind Beardshaw |
| | <i>A Ticket to Kalamazoo</i> | James Carter, Neal Layton |
| | <i>Blow a Kiss, Catch a Kiss</i> | Joseph Coelho, Nicola Killen |
| | <i>Five Little Friends: A Collection of Finger Rhymes (July 2025)</i> | Sean Taylor, Fiona Woodcock |
| | <i>Caterpillar Cake</i> | Matt Goodfellow, Krina Patel-Sage |
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| Y1/2 | <i>Poems to Perform</i> | Julia Donaldson |
| | <i>There's a Crocodile in the House!</i> | Paul Cookson |

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| | <i>Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me</i> | Eloise Greenfield, Ehsan Abdollahi |
| | <i>The Dream Train: Poems for Bedtime</i> | Sean Taylor, Anuska Allepuz |
| | <i>How to Be a Tiger</i> | George Szirtes |
| | <i>The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and other How To Poems</i> | Paul B. Janeczko, Richard Jones |
| | <i>How Many Points for a Panda</i> | Hilda Offen |
| | <i>Yapping Away</i> | Joshua Seigal, Sarah Horne |
| | <i>The Star Whale</i> | Nicola Davies, Petr Horacek |
| | <i>Super Guppy</i> | Edward van de Vendel |
| | <i>Watch Me Bloom</i> | Krina Patel-Sage |
| | <i>Boing! A Bouncy Book of Bugs</i> | James Carter, Neal Layton |
| | <i>Things That Should Be in a Poem</i> | Coral Rumble, Shih-Yu Lin |
| | <i>Poems Aloud / Smile Out Loud / Courage Out Loud</i> | Joseph Coelho, Daniel Gray-Barnett |
| | <i>A Dinosaur at the Bus Stop</i> | Kate Wakeling, Eilidh Muldoon |
| | <i>Marshmallow Clouds</i> | Ted Kooser, Connie Wanek, Richard Jones |
| | <i>Tree Whispers: A Forest of Poems</i> | Mandy Ross, Juliana Oakley |
| | <i>Water Songs: A Cascade of Poems</i> | Mandy Ross, Sam Rudd |
| | <i>HaiCuba/HaiKuba</i> | Carlos Pintado, Lawrence Schimel, Juan José Colsa |
| | <i>Blue Jelly and Strawberries</i> | Attie Lime, Kate Sheppard |
| | <i>A Lot of Silly</i> | Joy Cowley, David Barrow |

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| | <i>A First Book of Dinosaurs</i> | Simon Mole, Matt Hunt |
| | <i>The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems</i> | Ed. June Crebbin |
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| Y3/4 | <i>Chicken on the Roof</i> | Matt Goodfellow, Hannah Asen |
| | <i>Stars With Flaming Tails</i> | Valerie Bloom, Ken Wilson-Max |
| | <i>Werewolf Club Rules</i> | Joseph Coelho |
| | <i>Moon Juice</i> | Kate Wakeling, Elina Braslina |
| | <i>Cloud Soup</i> | Kate Wakeling, Elina Braslina |
| | <i>Things You Find in a Poet's Beard</i> | A.F. Harrold, Chris Riddell |
| | <i>Poetry Pie</i> | Roger McGough |
| | <i>All the Best</i> | Roger McGough, Lydia Monks |
| | <i>Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots</i> | Michael Rosen, David Tazzyman |
| | <i>A Kid in My Class</i> | Rachel Rooney, Chris Riddell |
| | <i>My Life As a Goldfish</i> | Rachel Rooney |
| | <i>Cherry Moon</i> | Zaro Weil, Junli Song |
| | <i>When Poems Fall From the Sky</i> | Zaro Weil, Junli Song |
| | <i>The Book of Clouds</i> | Juris Kronbergs |
| | <i>Everyone's the Smartest</i> | Contra, Ulla Saar |
| | <i>Where Zebras Go</i> | Sue Hardy-Dawson |
| | <i>Riding a Lion</i> | Coral Rumble |
| | <i>Dear Ugly Sisters: and other poems</i> | Laura Mucha, Tania Rex |
| | <i>Adder, Bluebell, Lobster</i> | Chrissie Gittins, Paul Bommer |

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| | <i>Midnight Feasts</i> | ed. A.F. Harrold, Katy Riddell |
| | <i>Weird, Wild and Wonderful</i> | James Carter, Neal Layton |
| | <i>Belonging Street</i> | Mandy Coe |
| | <i>Gargling With Jelly</i> | Brian Patten |
| | <i>A Passing on of Shells</i> | Simon Lamb, Chris Riddell |
| | <i>Follow That Word</i> | John Agard, Momoko Abe |
| | <i>Goodnight, Starry Night</i> | Joseph Coelho, Allison Colpoys |
| | <i>Balam and Lluvia's House</i> | Julio Serrano Echeverría, Lawrence Schimel, Yolanda Mosquera |
| | <i>I Am the Wind: Irish Poems for Children Everywhere</i> | ed. Lucinda Jacob, Sarah Webb, Ashwin Chacko |
| | <i>A Poem for Every Question (Sep 2025)</i> | Brian Bilston, Joe Berger |
| | <i>Welcome to Wild Town</i> | Dom Conlon, A.F. Harrold, Korky Paul |
| | <i>Poems for 7 Year Olds</i> | ed. A.F. Harrold |
| | <i>Poems for 8 Year Olds</i> | ed. Matt Goodfellow |
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| Y5/6 | <i>The Rainmaker Danced</i> | John Agard, Satoshi Kitamura |
| | <i>Sun Time, Snow Time</i> | Grace Nichols |
| | <i>Cosmic Disco</i> | Grace Nichols |
| | <i>Being Me: Poems About Thoughts, Worries and Feelings</i> | Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow and Laura Mucha |
| | <i>Saturdays at the Imaginarium</i> | Shauna Darling Robertson |
| | <i>Michael Rosen's Big Book of Bad Things</i> | Michael Rosen |

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| | <i>Hot Like Fire and Other Poems</i> | Valerie Bloom |
| | <i>Talking Turkeys</i> | Benjamin Zephaniah |
| | <i>Wicked World</i> | Benjamin Zephaniah |
| | <i>Bright Bursts of Colour</i> | Matt Goodfellow, Aleksei Bitscoff |
| | <i>This Rock, That Rock: Poems Between You, Me and the Moon</i> | Dom Conlon, Viviane Schwarz |
| | <i>Poems the Wind Blew In</i> | Karmelo C. Irribarren, Lawrence Schimel, Riya Choudhury |
| | <i>The Bee is not Afraid of Me: A Book of Insect Poems</i> | ed. Fran Long and Isabel Galleymore |
| | <i>Dark Sky Park</i> | Philip Gross |
| | <i>If I Were Other Than Myself</i> | Sue Hardy-Dawson |
| | <i>This is How the Change Begins</i> | Nicola Davies |
| | <i>Lost Magic: The Very Best of Brian Moses</i> | Brian Moses |
| | <i>A Year of Nature Poems</i> | Joseph Coelho, Kelly Louise Judd |
| | <i>Reaching the Stars: Poems About Extraordinary Women</i> | Jan Dean, Liz Brownlee and Michaela Morgan |
| | <i>Wonderland: Alice in Poetry</i> | ed. Michaela Morgan |
| | <i>The Language of Cat</i> | Rachel Rooney |
| | <i>Rhythm and Poetry</i> | Karl Nova |
| | <i>The Curious Case of Karl Nova</i> | Karl Nova |
| | <i>On the Move</i> | Michael Rosen |
| | <i>Out of this World</i> | Michael Rosen, Ed Vere |
| | <i>Caribbean Dozen</i> | ed. John Agard, Grace Nichols |

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| | <i>Dancing in the Rain</i> | John Lyons |
| | <i>100 Brilliant Poems for Children</i> | ed. Paul Cookson |
| | <i>Sensational!</i> | ed. Roger McGough |
| | <i>Classic Poetry</i> | ed. Michael Rosen |
| | <i>Let's Chase Stars Together</i> | Matt Goodfellow |
| | <i>And I Climbed, And I Climbed</i> | Stephen Lightbown, Shih-Yu Lin |
| | <i>Wise Up! Wise Down!</i> | John Agard, JonArno Lawson, Satoshi Kitamura |
| | <i>Choose Love</i> | Nicola Davies, Petr Horacek |
| | <i>Collected Poems for Children</i> | Charles Causley |
| Verse Novels | <i>Little Light</i> | Coral Rumble |
| | <i>Love that Dog</i> | Sharon Creech |
| | <i>Booked</i> | Kwame Alexander |
| | <i>The Crossover</i> | Kwame Alexander |
| | <i>The Final Year</i> | Matt Goodfellow, Joe Todd Stanton |
| | <i>The First Year</i> | Matt Goodfellow, Joe Todd Stanton |
| | <i>The Way of Dog</i> | Zana Fraillon, Sean Buckingham |
| | <i>Cloud Busting</i> | Malorie Blackman |
| | <i>The Weight of Water (UKS2)</i> | Sarah Crossan |
| | <i>Stand Up, Ferran Burke (KS3)</i> | Steven Camden |
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| KS2/3 | <i>Rising Stars: New Young Voices in Poetry</i> | Ruth Awolola, Victoria Adukwai Bulley, Abigail Cook, Jay Hulme, Amina Jama |
| | <i>Clouds Cannot Cover Us</i> | Jay Hulme |

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| | <i>These Are the Words</i> | Nikita Gill |
| | <i>Overheard in a Tower Block</i> | Joseph Coelho, Kate Milner |
| | <i>Everything All at Once</i> | Steven Camden |