

Poetry Reading at Bishopton

Poetry Curriculum

Poetry week is a whole school focus and is carried out in the first week back after the October half-term. Each year group studies a particular poet and this will be their focus for literacy lessons during that week. Children get the chance to explore one particular poet in depth and read a wide range of poetry from this writer.

Year Group	Poet	Poems to focus on
Reception	Julia Donaldson	Walking the Dog On the Pond in the Park Shuffle and Squelch
Year 1	Christina Rossetti	The Caterpillar The Wind Hurt No Living Thing
Year 2	Edward Lear	The Owl and the Pussy Cat The Pobble Who Has No Toes The Jumblies
Year 3	Michael Rosen	Chocolate Cake Strict Babysitter
Year 4	Maya Angelou	Life Doesn't Frighten Me Alone I Love the Look of Words
Year 5	William Blake	The Tyger The Schoolboy Little Boy Found
Year 6	Ted Hughes	Thought Fox Thrushes Esther's Tomcat

Pick a Page Poetry

Pick a Page Poetry is a weekly activity that involves children selecting a page number from a poetry book and then sharing this poem as a class. Each class has a range of poetry books suitable for their children's age range. Children take it in turn to pick a page and the poem from that page is read aloud and discussed. Repetition of poems is valuable and encouraging children to learn and recite a valuable activity in this session.