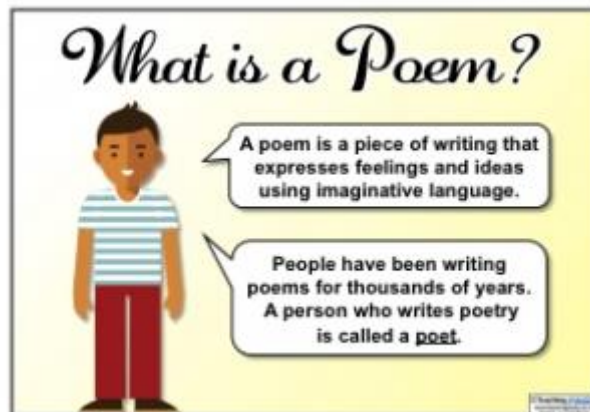


Poetry for Year One



Alliteration

A few words, one after the other, that begin with the same sound.

E.g. Bees buzzed brilliantly by the beautiful butterfly.

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Simile

A comparison using the words 'as' or 'like'.

E.g.

- sly as a fox
- sweet like chocolate
- white as snow
- cold as ice

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Rhyming Couplets

Pairs of lines that rhyme.

E.g.

Excerpt from 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf' by Roald Dahl

As soon as Wolf began to feel
That he would like a decent meal
He went and knocked on Grandma's door
When Grandma opened it, she saw
The sharp white teeth, the horrid grin
And Wolfie said, 'May I come in?'

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Meet the pirates!

Aboard a rocky pirate ship
In the middle of the sea
Are a funny group of pirates
Who are as useless as can be!

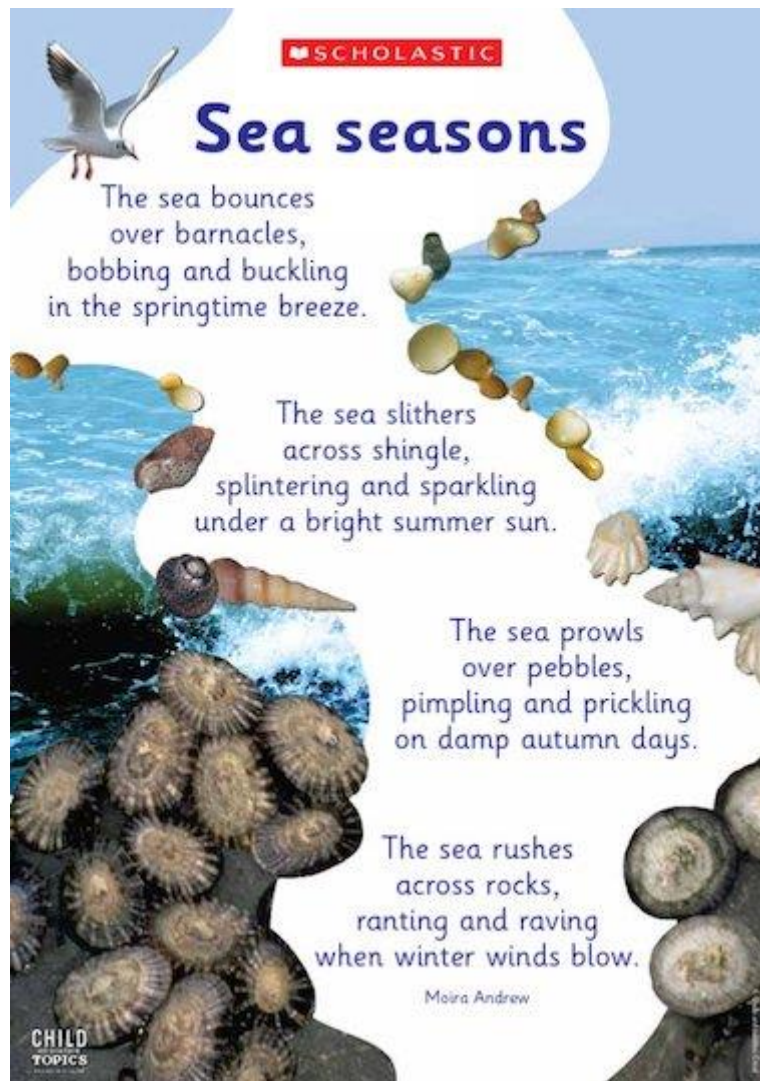


There's Pirate Jim
Who cannot swim,
Pirate Dave
Who's scared of waves,

Pirate Nick
Who gets sea-sick,
Pirate Dale
Who cannot sail,

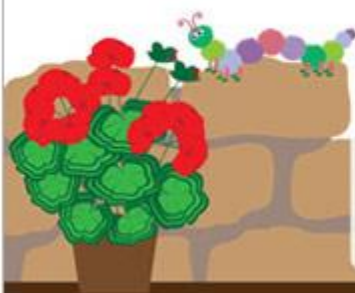


And Pirate Pete
With smelly feet.
The most useless bunch of pirates
You could ever wish to meet!



Poems

Creepy Caterpillar
Creepy, crawly, caterpillar,
In my garden small.
See him crawling, crawling, crawling,
Up the garden wall.
Creepy, crawly, caterpillar,
On the garden wall,
See him crawling back again,
To my garden small.



Actions

Lines 1+2 - Pointer finger on right hand rests and wriggles on left palm.
Lines 3+4 - Crawls up left arm and rests on shoulder.
Lines 5+6 - Pointer finger rests on shoulder.
Lines 7+8 - Crawls down arm and rests in palm of hand.

Caterpillar Caterpillar

Caterpillar, caterpillar, wriggle about,
Caterpillar, caterpillar, growing stout.
Caterpillar, caterpillar, spin your cocoon,
Caterpillar, caterpillar, butterfly soon!



Actions

Line 1 - Wriggle fingers of both hands.
Line 2 - Place knuckles together with pointer fingers upright and slowly move apart.
Line 3 - Turn hands around each other.
Line 4 - Wrap thumbs around each other and flap fingers to indicate wings.

Falling Leaves

Little leaves fall softly down
Red and yellow, orange and brown
Whirling, twirling round and round
Falling softly to the ground

Little leaves fall softly down
To make a carpet on the ground.
Then, swish, the wind comes whistling by
And sends them dancing to the sky.

"Spring"

Fun and easy to read, perfect for young children

Spring, spring is coming soon,
Grass is green and flowers bloom,
Birds returning from the south,
Bees are buzzing all about,
Leaves are budding everywhere,
Spring, spring is finally here!

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Monkey Babies

By Irene Rawnsley & John Foster

Don't leave your monkey baby sitting by
the swamp; a crocodile might eat him,

Chomp! Chomp! Chomp!

Don't leave your monkey baby sitting
under trees; a snake might wrap him up

Squeeze! Squeeze! Squeeze!

Don't leave your monkey baby sitting by
the track; a lion might be lurking,

Snack! Snack! Snack!

Keep your monkey baby high up in the
trees. Feed him on bananas,
Help pick off his fleas!



The alphabet song

a is for apple, for ant and for at
b is for banana and also for bat
c is for crisps, for cow and for cat



d is for duck and also for dog
e is for eggs and **f is for frog**
g is for goose and **h is for hog**

i is for ink and **j is for jog**
k is for king and **l is for log**
m is for mouse and also for Mog



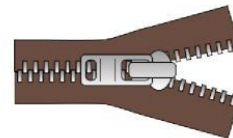
n is for nice and also for nose
o is for owl and **p is for pose**
q is for queen and **r is for rose**

s is for slide and slip and for snow
t is for tide and trip and for toe



u is for under and up and for use
v is for van, vet, vex, vow and views

w is for what and wet Waterloo
x is for xmas; and y is for you
z is for zip and for zap and for zoo:
26 letters and that's all that we do



Crazy Crabs!

Crazy crabs walk sideways,
What a giddy way to go!
Snails slip slide forwards
And that is very slow!

Ducks waddle, waddle,
And that is funny too,
And what about the hopping
Of the big Red Kangaroo?



Author Unknown

Action;
Translate words to
actions

Five Garden Snails



Five garden snails
Sleeping in the sun,
Along comes a (yellow) bird,
And flies away with one.

Four garden snails
Sleeping in the sun,
Along comes a (blue) bird,
And flies away with one.

(Continue with Three garden snails; Two
garden snails; One garden snail. Change
colour of bird each time)

Action

Select 5 children to be the snails.
Line 1+2 - Snails lie curled up sleeping.
Select a child from the group wearing the
appropriate colour to be the bird and fly
away with a snail.





Golden Oranges

Golden oranges on the tree,
ripening in the sun.
A little girl skipped by
and she picked one.

Golden oranges on the tree,
ripening in the sun.
A little boy ran by
and he picked one.

Golden oranges on the tree,
ripening in the sun.
A little bird flew by
and she picked one.

Golden oranges on the tree,
ripening in the sun.
A little soldier marched by
and he picked one.

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Actions

Select four children to be "oranges". At each verse select a different child to be "girl skipping", "boy running" etc.

I Have A Little Frog



I have a little frog
His name is Tiny Tim,
I put him in the bathtub,
To see if he could swim,
He drank up all the water,
And gobbled up the soap!
And when he tried to talk
He had a bubble in his throat!

5 Little Bears

1

One little bear
Wondering what to do
Along came another
Then there were two!



2

Two little bears
Climbing up a tree
Along came another
Then there were three!



3

Three little bears
Ate an apple core
Along came another
Then there were four!



4

Four little honey bears
Found honey in a hive
Along came another
Then there were five!

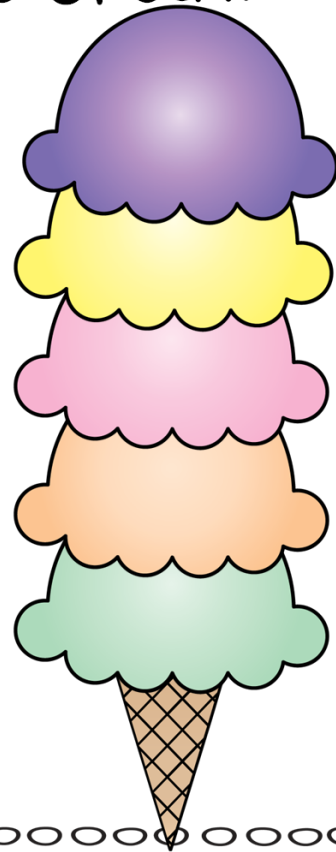


5



Five Scoops of Ice Cream

I had 5 scoops of ice cream,
no less, no more
One fell off and that left four!
I had 4 scoops of ice cream,
as yummy as could be
One fell off and that left three!
I had 3 scoops of ice cream,
yes it's true
One fell off and that left two!
I had 2 scoops of ice cream,
in the melting sun
One fell off and that left one!
I had 1 scoop of ice cream,
sitting on the cone
I ate it up and that left none!



In summer...

I see colourful umbrellas on the beach
I smell sun lotion and salt
I hear children giggling in the waves
I taste an ice-cream cone - yum!
I touch soft, hot sand
I feel warm and happy
I love summer!



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My Senses



I can **hear** the birds sing,
The dogs bark, the cat miaow,
I can hear the phone ring,
I can hear YOU!



I can **see** the grass grow,
The bright stars, the yellow moon,
I can see the white snow,
I can see YOU!



I can **smell** the roast meat,
The fresh bread, the pretty flowers,
I can smell your dirty feet,
I can smell YOU!



I can **touch** the soft grass,
The cold ice, the wet rain,
I can touch the smooth glass,
I can touch YOU!



I can **taste** the crispy apple,
The chocolate bar, the cream cake,
I can taste the fresh pineapple,
I can taste YOU!



What Is Pink?

By Christina Rossetti

What is pink? A rose is pink
By the fountain's brink.

What is red? A poppy's red
In its barley bed.

What is blue? The sky is blue
Where the clouds float through.

What is white? A swan is white
Sailing in the light.

What is yellow? Pears are yellow,
Rich and ripe and mellow.

What is green? The grass is green,
With small flowers between.

What is violet? Clouds are violet
In the summer twilight.

What is orange? Why, an orange,
Just an orange!

