



**BIRKWOOD  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

## **Poetry To Learn by Heart 2025-2026**

It is a statutory requirement in the National Curriculum that children learn to recite poems by heart.

Spend 5 minutes learning the poem by heart each day. 1 poem every half term by heart.

Included are a variety of classic and contemporary poems.

<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>
EYFS	Poetry Basket	Poetry Basket	Poetry Basket	Poetry Basket	Poetry Basket	Poetry Basket
Y1	<a href="#">Soggy Greens</a> By John Cunliffe	<a href="#">Snowball</a> By Shel Silverstein	<a href="#">Cats</a> By Eleanor Farjeon	<a href="#">The Little Plant</a> Kate L. Brown	<a href="#">Bed in Summer</a> Robert Louis Stevenson	<a href="#">Now We Are Six</a> By A.A Milne
Y2	<a href="#">The Schoolkids' Rap</a> John Foster	<a href="#">The Christmas Pine</a> Julia Donaldson	<a href="#">Opened A Book</a> Julia Donaldson	<a href="#">Song of the Train</a> David McCord	<a href="#">Bluebottle</a> Judith Nicholls	<a href="#">Please Do not Feed the Animals</a> Robert Hull
Y3	<a href="#">Autumn Gilt</a> Valerie Bloom	<a href="#">A parade of Beast Doodles</a>	<a href="#">Alligator Problem</a> Micheal Rosen	<a href="#">A Special Badger</a> Matt Goodfellow	<a href="#">If All The World Were Paper</a> Joseph Coelho	<a href="#">The River</a> Valerie Bloom
Y4	<a href="#">The Thought Fox</a> Ted Hughes	<a href="#">You Are</a> Valerie Bloom	<a href="#">Thought Machine</a> Laura Mucha	<a href="#">Air</a> Micheal Rosen	<a href="#">A Life in Dreams</a> Jacob Sam-La Rose	<a href="#">If you Could see Laughter</a> Mandy Coe
Y5	School Day Lesley Gibbes	<a href="#">Silver</a> Walter De La Mare	<a href="#">Daffodils</a> William Wordsworth	<a href="#">The Magic Box</a> Kit Wright	<a href="#">The Tyger</a> William Blake	<a href="#">Gran, Can you Rap?</a> Jack Ousby
Y6	<a href="#">Hope</a> Nicola Davies	<a href="#">What the teacher said when asked</a> John Agyard	<a href="#">Jabberwocky</a> Lewis Carroll	<a href="#">Gone</a> Jennifer Watson	<a href="#">Choose Love</a> Nicola Davies	<a href="#">Strest</a> Matt Goodfellow

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