



# Year One Poetry Week



**TUESDAY**  
**Introduction to poetry and  
rhyming words**

# What Is Poetry?

Poetry is written by a **poet**.



When a poet writes a poem, they try to get you to use your imagination or feelings, when you are reading it. They do this by thinking about what words mean and how they sound. The poet might change the order of words to make them sound a certain way.

Sometimes, poems have rhyming words in them.



Poetry is meant to be read aloud.

Do you know any poems?

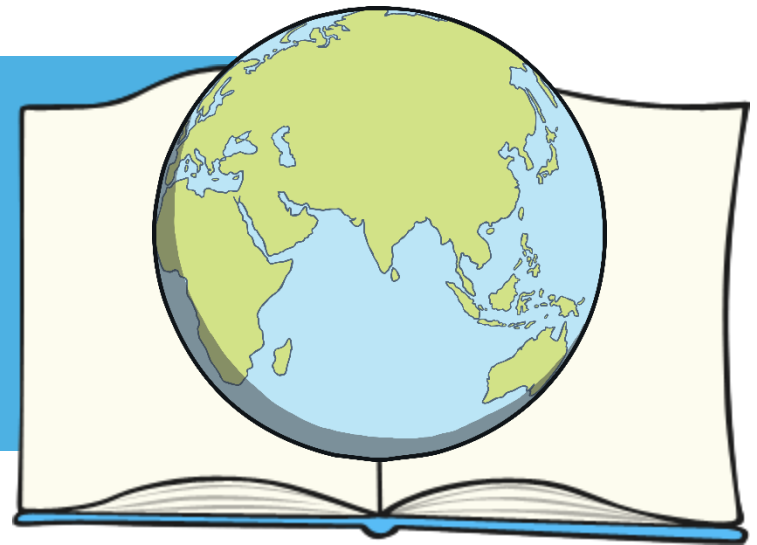
**Poet** – someone who writes poetry

# What Is Poetry Week?

Across year one we will be learning to write and recite poetry.

Year 1 Poetry Week celebrates poems in lots of different languages and from lots of different countries.

It encourages people to write poetry and recite poetry.



**Recite** – say out loud

# Let's Learn a Poem

## Terry the Tadpole

I'm Terry the Tadpole  
And I live in a bog.  
Mum says that when I'm older,  
I'll look like a frog.  
To be a frog  
Would be such a honour.  
Because at the moment,  
I look like a comma.



David Anderson

# Rhyming Words

Some poetry has rhyming words at the end of lines. When words rhyme, they start with different sounds, but sound the same at the end of the words. So 'cat' rhymes with 'bat' and 'hot' rhymes with 'lot'.

Can you match up these rhyming words?

sun



band



joke



bit



ring



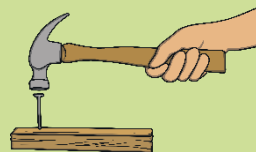
fun



poke



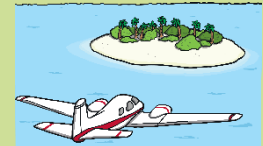
hit



swing



land



# ACTIVITY

**Have a go at writing down two words that rhyme. How many pairs can you make?**

**cat      mat**

**mouse   house**

**bear      care**

# **WEDNESDAY**

## **Finding the rhythm**



# Rhythm

In poetry, rhythm is the pattern that the words make and how they sound, when put together. It can make the poem sound fun to read and can make it easier for you to learn the poem off by heart.

Look at this sentence:

**My brother has a jumper and my sister has a skirt.**



Try reading the sentence out loud and listen to the pattern the words make.

This is rhythm.

# Limericks

There are over 50 types of poem.  
This is a limerick.  
Limericks are funny and have rhyming words.

There once was a girl from Bombay,  
Who always had something to say  
Her tongue went too fast,  
Her voice didn't last,  
And was quiet the rest of the day.



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**Can you spot the rhyming words at the end of some lines?**

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**How does the rhythm of the poem sound?**

# ACTIVITY

**Have a go at writing some sentences that have a rhythm.**

**I have a cat and he has a hat.**

**My dog is brown and my cat is  
black.**

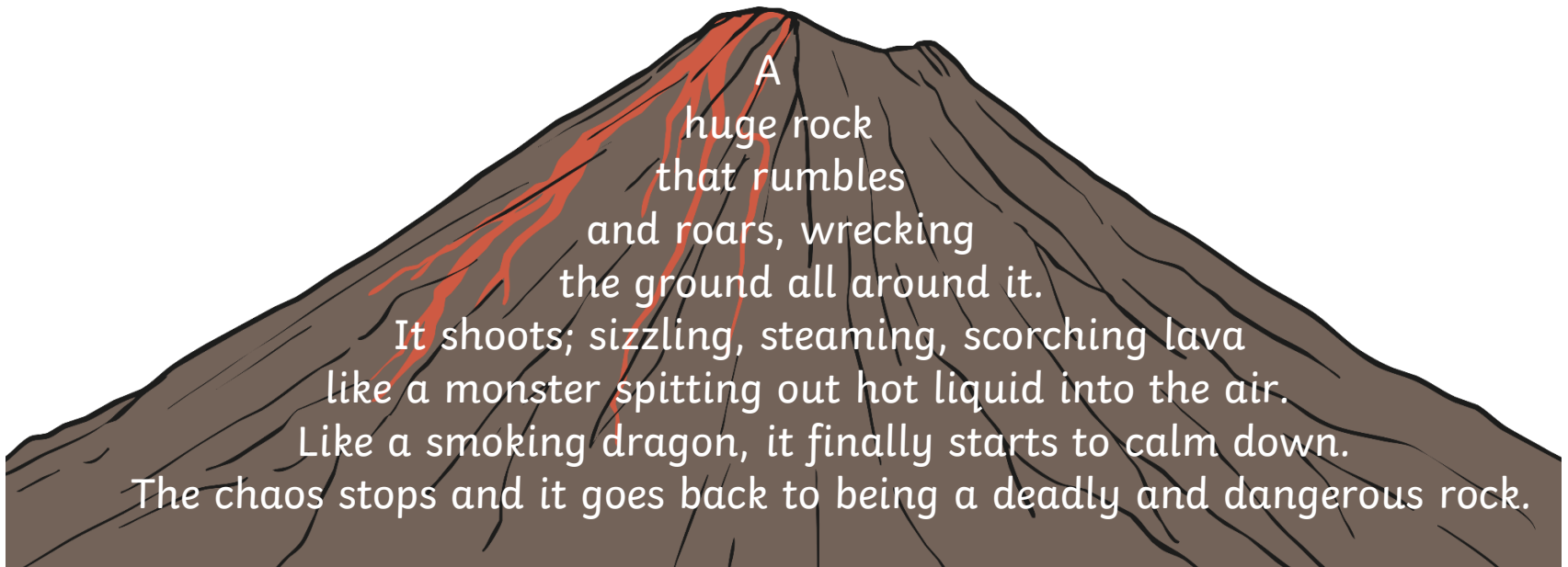
# **THURSDAY**

## **Different types of poems**

# Shape Poetry

Shape poems are written in the shape of the thing the poem is about.  
Look at this poem.

- ? What is the shape of the poem?
- ? Does it have rhyming words at the end of lines?



# Acrostic Poetry

The first letter of each line spells out what the poem is about.

An acrostic poem  
Could be about anything you want  
Really.  
Of course, you can  
Say what you like.  
That's what's so easy  
I might write one right now  
Can you guess what it'll be about?

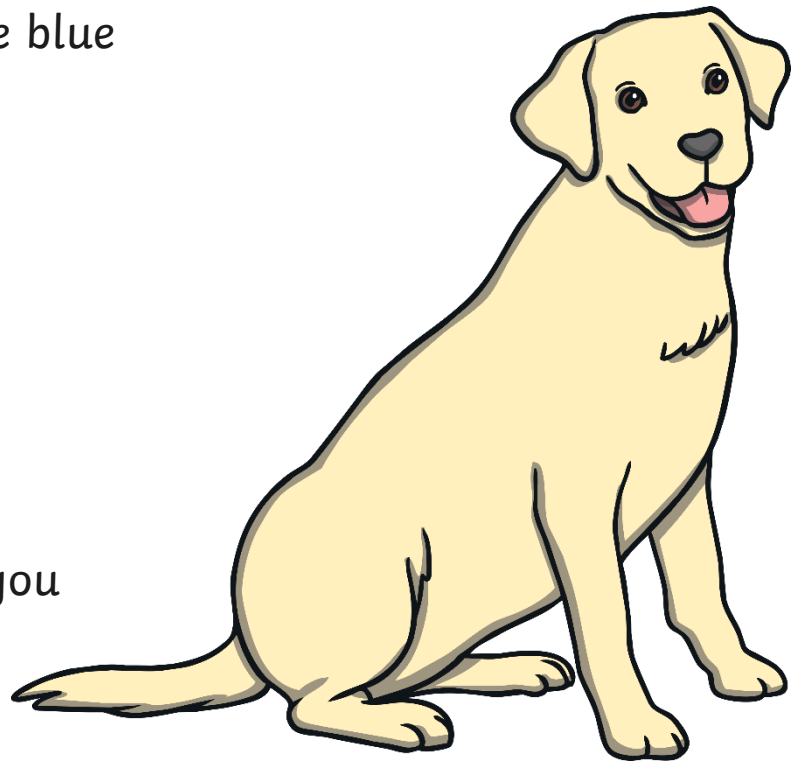
? What do the letters in green spell?



# Free Verse

Free verse has no rhyming words.  
Lines can be full sentences or even just one word.

There's nothing like a dog  
For cheering you up when you're blue  
By licking your face, or  
Falling at your feet.  
There's nothing like a dog  
For chewing your new shoes  
Or running off with your book  
Woofing like mad!  
There's nothing like a dog  
For always wanting to be with you  
Following you everywhere  
Being your best friend forever.



# **ACTIVITY**

**Learn one of these poems off by heart and perform it to a family member. You can add actions too!**



# **FRIDAY**

## **Writing poetry**

# Activity

## Let's Write

Read some of the poems.

Which is your favourite and why?

Choose a mini-beast

Think of some rhyming  
words

Write sentences ended  
in those words

Share it with a friend

