

In Conversation with Christine Lockwood and Rebecca Simpson-Hargreaves

Teaching Poetry

**All websites are correct at time of going to press, however these may change in the future.*

Resources to support knowledge of poets

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education- Poetry Line <https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline> This site is invaluable for both primary and secondary practitioners, it features different poets, their work, videos of poems being performed.

Follow poets on twitter, e.g. Michael Rosen, Brian Moses, Valerie Bloom, Joseph Coelho.

Follow the @The_UKLA and @OpenUni_RfP on twitter – there is a lot of talk about literacy and resources. Search for #OURfPbookblether on July 28th, 2020 as it featured questions and answers by teachers, poets, teacher trainers etc... it gave good suggestions of poets and poetry to look out for.

The Poetry Society has a section for young poets: <https://poetrysociety.org.uk/>

National Poetry Day has a variety of poetry and teaching suggestions
<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/poems/>

Look at long and short lists for poetry awards, such as the CLIPPA -
<https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/clippa>

Just Imagine is a site that has reviews of books, including poetry. Each review gives a short summary of the text and what age range/subject it may be suitable for:
https://justimagine.co.uk/reviews/?book_genre%5B%5D=poetry

Explore YouTube for poet performances.

Look at what your local library has to offer. The borrowbox app has e-books that you can borrow for free through your library, <https://www.borrowbox.com/>

Supporting a range of voices, backgrounds and life experiences in the classroom

Small independent bookshops around the country can offer good advice and poetry from the local area as well as a wider range to help enrich your classroom resources, for example Marilyn Brocklehurst from the Norwich Children's Book Centre has a wealth of knowledge to draw from
<https://www.ncbc.co.uk/>

UKLA resource: The Tsunami Project, poetry based on a traditional Bengali form of poetic narrative
https://ukla.org/ukla_resources/the-tsunami-project-writing-narrative-poetry/

UKLA Diversity and Inclusion resources: https://ukla.org/resource_collection/diversity-and-inclusion/

Tiny Owl Publishing has a range of books from global authors, such as When I Coloured in the World by the poet Ahmadreza Ahmadi, translated from Persian: <https://tinyowl.co.uk/>

Organisations such as the British Council and Centre for Iranian Studies can offer advice as well as resources in home languages: <https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/using-poetry> <https://fis-iran.org/>

Draw from the children in your classroom, ask parents and carers or the local community to provide poems that they have grown up with, enjoyed, shared that are suitable for use with the age group you are with.

Supporting your practice as a teacher

Become a reader of poetry, read widely, and find something that connects with you. Watch poets perform their poems and utilise these in the classroom.

Teaching sequences can be found on the CLPE site and the National Poetry day site.

UKLA resource: Poetry Matters by Andrew Lambirth <https://ukla.org/product/poetry-matters-2/>

Open University Research Rich Pedagogies site <https://researchrichpedagogies.org/> has a large number of resources to support poetry knowledge and practice, here are a few examples:

<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/research/example/for-the-love-of-poetry>

<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/research/example/poetry-in-the-library1>

<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/research/example/perform-that-poetry>

To help with the identification of poetry, find resources on sites that are poetry specific, look at the form it takes, e.g. is it narrative through verse, does it follow a specific pattern?

Michael Rosen's resources and ideas: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/former-laureates/michael-rosen/poetry-resources-and-ideas-for-teachers/>

The Poetry Society has top tips for teaching poetry: <https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/top-tips-for-teaching-poetry/>

Poetry collections discussed during the conversation and more

A Great Big Cuddle: Poems for the very young – Michael Rosen, illustrated by Chris Riddell. Published by Walker Books.

Are We Nearly There Yet? – Holiday Poems chosen by Brian Moses. Published by Macmillan.

Belonging Street - Mandy Coe. Published by Otter-Barry Books.

England: Poems from a school – Edited by Kate Clanchy. Published by Picador.

Fox in Socks – Dr Seuss. Published by Harper Collins Children's Books.

Hot Like Fire and Other Poems - Valerie Bloom. Published by Bloomsbury.

I am the Seed that Grew the Tree: A Nature Poem for Every Day – In collaboration with the National Trust, chosen by Fiona Waters, illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon. Published by Nosy Crow.

Midnight Feasts: Tasty poems chosen by A.F.Harrold, illustrated by Katy Riddell. Published by Bloomsbury.

On the Move: Poetry about migration – Michael Rosen, illustrated by Quentin Blake. Published by Walker Books.

One River, Many Creeks: poems from all around the world – chosen by Valerie Bloom. Published by Macmillan Children's Books.

Overheard in a Tower Block – Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Kate Milner. Published by Otter-Barry Books.

Paint Me a Poem – Grace Nichols. Published by Bloomsbury.

Poems to Save the World With- Chris Riddell. Published by Macmillan Children's Books.

Poetry for a Change – A National Poetry Day Anthology. Published by Otter Barry Books.

Silly Verse for Kids – Spike Milligan. Published by Puffin Poetry.

The Black Flamingo - Dean Atta. Published by Hodder Children's Books.

The Girl Who Became a Tree - Joseph Coelho. Published by Otter-Barry Books.

The Jolly Christmas Postman- Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Published by Puffin.

The Same Inside: poems about empathy and friendship – Liz Brownlee, Matt Goodfellow, Roger Stevens. Published by Macmillan

The Very Best of Paul Cookson – Paul Cookson. Published by Macmillan.

Thinker My Puppy Poet and Me - Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Ehsan Abdollahi, published by Tiny Owl

Tiger Tiger Burning Bright! An animal poem for every day of the year– In collaboration with the National Trust, chosen by Fiona Waters, illustrated by Britta Teckentrup. Published by Nosy Crow.

Under the Spell of the Moon – A collection of poems chosen by world picture book illustrators. Published by Frances Lincoln Children's Books.

Vikings in the Supermarket – Nick Sharratt. Published by David Fickling Books.

Werewolf Club Rules – Joseph Coelho. Published by Frances Lincolns Children's Books

When I Coloured in the World- Ahmadreza Ahmadi, illustrated by Ehsan Abdollahi. Published by Tiny Owl Publishing.

Video performances discussed

Michael Rosen – Chocolate Cake

Christopher Eccleston – Dulce Et Decorum Est

Murray Lachlan Young – Annie McClue

Valerie Bloom – Sandwich