

Poetry KSI and KS2

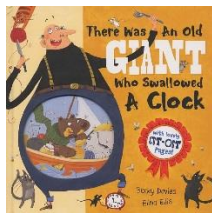
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Cristaldi, Kathryn – I'll Love You

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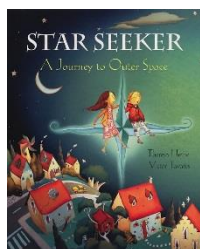
With 'I will love you till the cows come home' as a starting point this rhyming story plays with language and ponders improbable journeys to illustrate a parent's love for its child. Offers opportunity for anticipation of rhyming words and other fun alternatives and improbable journeys.



Davies, Becky – There was an Old Giant who swallowed a clock

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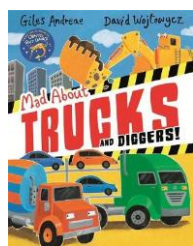
Great rhyming text variation on 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly' with cut out pages that reveal the ever-increasing amount of stuff the giant has eaten. Shortlisted for the Hampshire Picture Book Award 2019.



Heine, Theresa – Star Seeker

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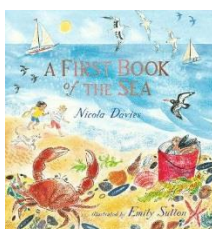
Two children travel through the solar system on their own imaginary journey exploring the colours, shapes and sounds of outer space.



Andreae, Giles – Mad About Trucks and Diggers

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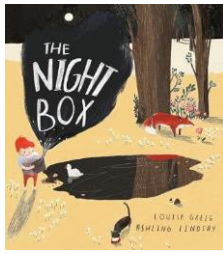
Latest in this very successful series looks at that KSI favourite subject, transport. As always, short snappy poems are enhanced by large vibrant illustrations. Format that has already worked well in titles such as *Mad about Dinosaurs*, *Rumble in the Jungle*, *Commotion in the Ocean* and *Mad About Mega Beasts!*



Davies, Nicola – First Book of the Sea

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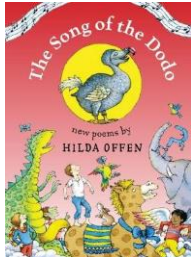
An exquisitely illustrated collection of poems about seas and shores, and the creatures that inhabit them. Great to support KSI topic work but also a lovely book to dip into and explore. See also Nicola Davies' other poetry books *A First Book of Animals* and *A First Book of Nature*.



Greig, Louise – Night Box

A little boy's nightly ritual marks the change in pace at the end of the day and unleashes the wonders of the night. Lyrical text and descriptive language combine with illustrations that explore the contrast between day and night in a poetic bedtime tale.

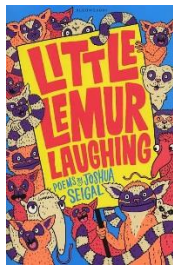
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Offen, Hilda – Song of the Dodo

A lovely selection of poems illustrated with black and white line illustrations. There are poems about family, poems looking at history, old photographs, Picasso, dinosaurs and fossils and some great shape poems too.

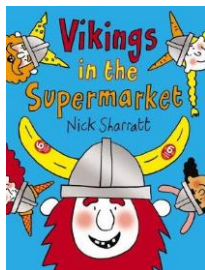
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Seigal, Joshua – Little Lemur laughing

Cheery collection of poems on all manner of subjects. Selection of shape poems amongst the rest as well as a smattering of amusing line illustrations to complement the text. Fun and accessible.

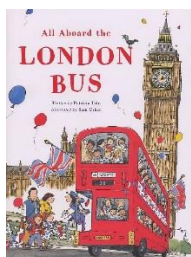
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Sharratt, Nick – Vikings in the Supermarket

Contains a collection of 6 poems, each of which runs over several pages and can be read in a picture book-like fashion. Popular KSI subjects such as mermaids and pirates, as well as Vikings, feature.

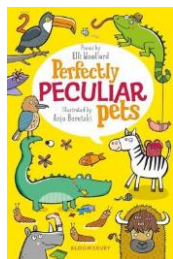
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Toht, Patricia – All Aboard the London Bus

A family takes a lively tour of significant London landmarks, the landmarks are described in a variety of styles of poetry, including haikus and shape poems and there is lots of good vocabulary and descriptive language. The detailed illustrations evoke London's busy streets. Information section at the back about the various landmarks.

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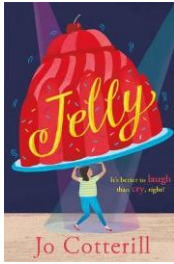


Woollard, Elli – Perfectly Peculiar Pets

An A-Z of animal poems that would make quite unusual pets. A humorous collection that reads aloud well. Fun illustrations too.

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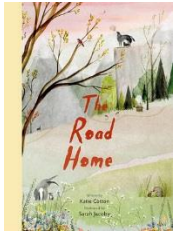
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Cotterill, Jo – Jelly

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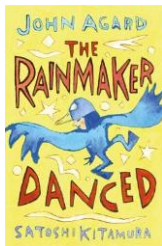
Terrific CF read, suitable for Year 6. Central character uses playing the fool and larking about to hide her true feelings and lack of self-esteem. Privately she expresses herself through writing poetry. Positive friendship with her mum's new boyfriend encourages her to grow in confidence and they share an interest in music and lyric writing.



Cotton, Katie – The Road Home

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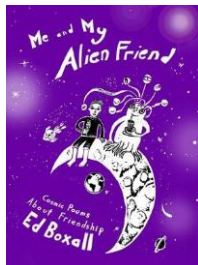
Lyrical rhyming text matched with beautiful illustrations convey the harshness of survival in the wild. A poetic read.



Agard, John – Rainmaker Danced

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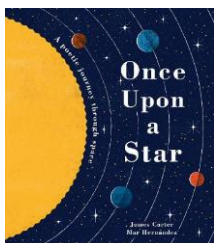
All manner of subjects are considered and explored in this new collection from celebrated poet John Agard. Shortlisted for the 2018 CliPPA award (Centre for Literacy in Primary Poetry award).



Boxall, Ed – Me and My Alien Friend

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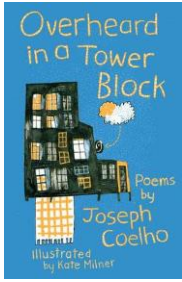
Subtitled *Cosmic poems about Friendship*. Great selection of poems very much based on and focussed around school age children and the minutiae of their lives. Very identifiable situations. Unusual illustrative style that adds to the sense of it being written by a school age child.



Carter, James – Once Upon A Star

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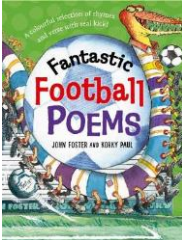
A rhyming poem in a picture book format that tells the story of how the sun, stars and solar system began. Vibrant, full page illustrations support the poem. There is a page of text at the back with more specific scientific detail relating to the subject.



Coelho, Joseph – Overheard in a Tower Block

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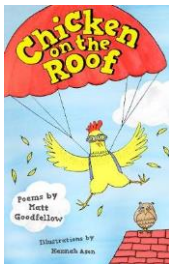
A challenging collection written with a gritty urban realism. The poet explores aspects of life growing up in the city, including fitting in (or not) at school and living with parents who are separated. Upper KS2 He is also the author of the picture book *Luna Loves Library Day* which includes a ‘book within a book’ that relates to the subject of separation in the poetry collection.



Foster, John – Fantastic Football Poems

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Great collection of poems by different authors around the theme of football teams and dreams. Great for reading aloud. The collection has been around for some time, this edition is a smaller format reprint.



Goodfellow, Matt – Chicken on the Roof

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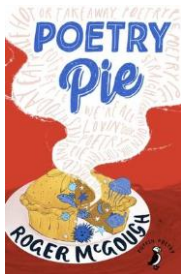
Good mixture of poems, some humorous and some more serious. Lots of play with words and poetry form, as well as a shape poem and a haiku.



McGough, Roger – Happy Poems

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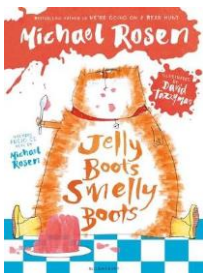
A lively collection, collated by Roger McGough, of poems to inspire happiness. The selection is made from poets’ past and present, including Hilaire Belloc, Lewis Carroll, and Christina Rossetti.



McGough, Roger – Poetry Pie

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Wonderful selection of Roger McGough poems, some long, some short, covering a variety of subjects, with much humour, some riddles and great wordplay. Would very much lend themselves to being read aloud.

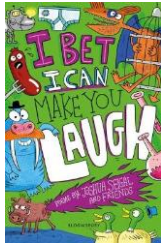


Rosen, Michael – Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots

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Fantastic selection of poems by Michael Rosen on a range of subjects and beautifully illustrated in colour by David Tazzyman. Edition includes audio CD of Michael Rosen reading the poems.

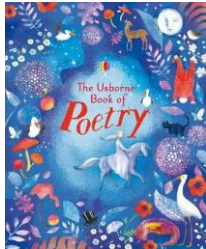




Seigal, Joshua – I bet I can make you laugh

Humorous poems by Joshua Seigal and others, covering subjects such as Food, School, Home Life and Animals. The poet introduces each section of poetry.

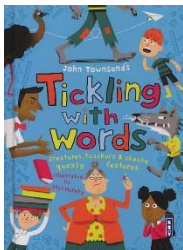
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Taplin, Sam – Usborne Book of Poetry

Beautiful illustrations invite the reader to dip into this collection of largely classic poems from poets such as William Blake, Thomas Hardy, Dylan Thomas, Lewis Carroll and Ogden Nash. A smattering of contemporary poets too. The illustrations create a sumptuous feel to the whole collection.

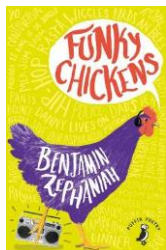
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Townsend, John – Tickling with Words

Quirky small format hardback with very colourful pages packed full of 'ridiculous rhymes' and 'gut-busting gags'. Includes a couple of heartfelt poems about struggling with reading.

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TOW**



Zephaniah, Benjamin – Funky Chickens

Classic performance poetry collection reissued in 2019. Range of relevant and thought-provoking issues, including racism and conservation, as well as lighter and more humorous poetry and rap.

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Y = Picture Book

P = KS2 Picture Book

T = Younger Teen Reads



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