

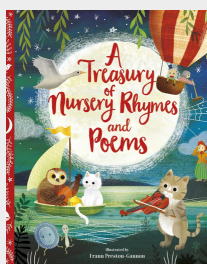


# POETRY FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Poems help us to understand the world around us and to explore our feelings and those of others, reflecting our emotions, helping us experience joy, grief, excitement, wonder and capturing special moments. The rewards of hearing poetry and learning poems by heart are well known, showing we all benefit from the power of a poem!

This list looks at early poetry books. Sharing poems with babies and toddlers can improve the speed at which they learn to speak and read as well as being an experience full of joy!

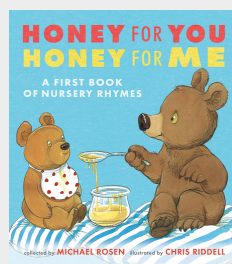
## A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes and Poems



A captivating collection of rhymes, songs and poems, including many firm favourites, beautifully illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon.

Illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon  
Nosy Crow  
ISBN: 978-1788008433

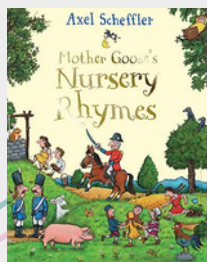
## Honey for You, Honey for Me: A First Book of Nursery Rhymes



A collection of traditional playground rhymes and chants from two former Children's Laureates who previously collaborated on the poetry books, 'One Big Cuddle' (Walker ISBN: 978-140634319) and 'Wiggly, Wiggly Playtime Rhymes' (Walker ISBN: 978-1406384246).

Collected by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Chris Riddell  
Walker Books  
ISBN: 978-1406374636

## Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes: A First Treasury



Bursting with more than fifty classic nursery rhymes, traditional lullabies and favourite action songs, this book to treasure is beautifully illustrated in full colour throughout by Axel Scheffler, much-loved illustrator of The Gruffalo.

Illustrated by Axel Scheffler  
Macmillan  
ISBN: 978-1529031935

## What are Little Girls Made of? Nursery Rhymes for Feminist Times



A lovely collection of Nursery Rhymes with a feminist twist – humorous and fun with witty illustrations from Isabelle Follath.

Jeanne Willis and Isabelle Follath  
Nosy Crow  
ISBN: 978-1788004466

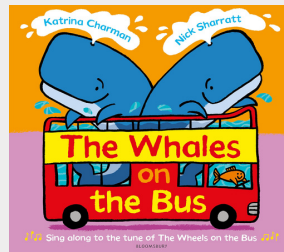
## Big Green Crocodile: Rhymes to Say and Play



A lovely collection of 16 rhymes with 'Let's Play' guidance, all beautifully illustrated by Carolina Rabei.

Jane Newberry, illustrated by Carolina Rabei  
Otter-Barry Books  
ISBN: 978-1913074531

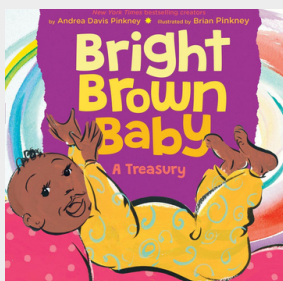
## The Whales on the Bus



Enjoy singing along to the tune of a favourite rhyme with new words as a host of colourful animals travel around, all accompanied by the bold, bright illustrations of Nick Sharratt.

Katrina Carman, illustrated by Nick Sharratt  
Bloomsbury  
ISBN: 978-1526603432

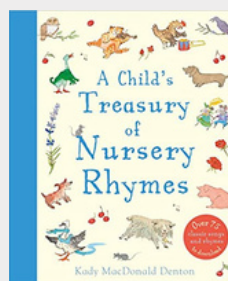
## Bright Brown Baby



Explore five wonderful poems, celebrating the loving bond between children and their grown-ups.

Andrea Davis Pinkney, illustrated by Brian Pinkney  
Scholastic  
ISBN: 978-0545872294

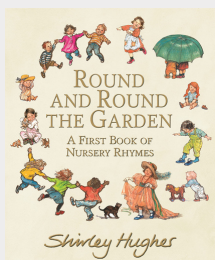
## Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes



Firm favourites are joined by lesser-known rhymes from many different cultures in this beautifully illustrated collection.

Kady MacDonald Dewson  
Kingfisher  
ISBN: 978-0753444887

## Round and Round the Garden: A First Book of Nursery Rhymes



Delightfully illustrated by the incomparable Shirley Hughes, this offers a classic collection of nursery rhymes for everyone to enjoy. You might also enjoy 'Out and About: A First Book of Poems' which follows Katie and her little brother, Olly, as they go out and about, romping through the changing seasons.

Shirley Hughes  
Walker Books  
ISBN: 978-1406390315

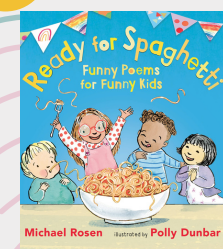
## Taking Time



Inspired by principles of mindfulness, this lovely poem invites children to take time to enjoy all the beauty and wonder of nature.

Jo Loring-Fisher  
Lantana  
ISBN: 978-1911373087

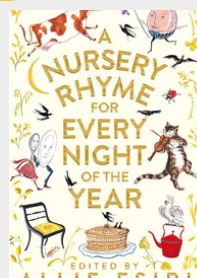
## Ready for Spaghetti: Funny Poems for Funny Kids



Michael Rosen has created a series of poems which capture moments of a child's day from getting up in the morning to going to bed in the evening. Each is full of word play, perfect for encouraging children to join in and experiment with language. Full of fun and energy, the playful nature of the poems will soon make them firm favourites, easy for children to learn and share as they go about their daily activities.

Michael Rosen,  
illustrated by Polly Dunbar  
Walker Books  
ISBN: 978-1406377644

## A Nursery Rhyme for Every Night of the Year



A fabulous collection of 366 Nursery Rhymes including both traditional and modern favourites, each accompanied by a fascinating introduction. Beautifully illustrated, this is one to return to again and again.

Allie Esiri  
illustrated by Emily Faccini  
Macmillan  
ISBN: 978-1035013326



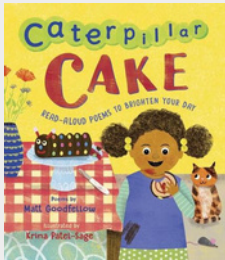
# Poetry for Younger Children

## BUILDING BLOCKS

As children continue to explore and enjoy a wider range of poems, they will be introduced to an extensive range of wonderful words to enrich their vocabulary and stimulate their imagination. Poetry may help them both to recognise and empathise with emotions as well as express their own thoughts and feelings. As children learn poems and rhymes, it helps to develop their memory whilst they have fun!

Here are some wonderful collections to share.

### Caterpillar Cake



A wonderful range of read-aloud poems, perfect for sharing and joining in with!

Matt Goodfellow, illustrated by Krina Patel-Sage  
Otter-Barry Books  
ISBN: 978-1913074661

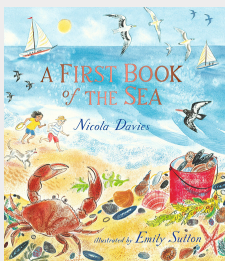
### Leap, Hare, Leap!



One of a series of poetic picture books, 'Leap, Hare, Leap!' introduces children to hares all around the world. Other titles include: Swim, Shark, Swim! (ISBN: 978-1914079054) Blow, Wind, Blow! (ISBN: 978-1914079184) Shine, Star, Shine! (ISBN: 978-1914079238) and Grow, Tree, Grow! (ISBN: 978-1802580761)

Dom Conlon, illustrated by Anastasia Iztlesou  
Graffeg  
ISBN: 978-1914079184

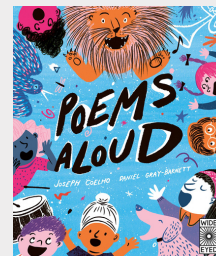
### A First Book of the Sea



Explore five wonderful poems, celebrating the loving bond between children and their grown-ups. A beautifully illustrated collection of poems about the oceans and their shores. Nicola has also written 'A First Book of Animals', illustrated by Petr Horacek (Walker ISBN: 978-1406378122).

Nicola Davies, illustrated by Emily Sutton  
Walker  
ISBN: 978-1406368956

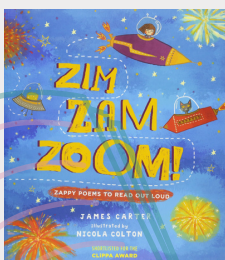
### Poems Aloud



Not only does this selection offer 20 lovely poems, it also teaches clever techniques to enjoy performing poems with confidence! Smile Out Loud (ISBN: 978-0711271791) is another collection by Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho and illustrator, Danile Gray-Barnett.

Joseph Coelho, illustrated by Danile Gray-Barnett  
Wide Eyed Editions  
ISBN: 978-0711247680

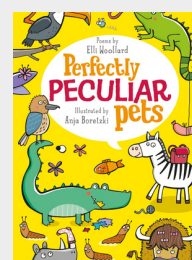
### Zim Zam Zoom



Full of fun and laughter, this is a wonderful selection of poems, perfect for performing!

James Carter, illustrated by Nicola Colton  
Otter-Barry Books  
ISBN: 978-1910959053

### Perfectly Peculiar Pets

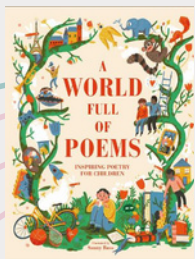


Sure to contain a pet poem for everyone, this collection is bursting with animal poems for every letter of the alphabet!

Elli Woollard, illustrated by Anja Boretzki  
Bloomsbury  
ISBN: 978-1472958464



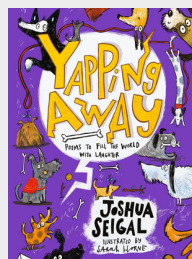
## A World Full of Poems



A wonderful collection of poems with a section of poetry activities to inspire and encourage budding poets to get creative.

Dr Sylvia Vardell, illustrated by Sonny Ross  
DK Children's  
ISBN: 978-0241413906

## Yapping Away: Poems to Fill the World with Laughter



From humorous to heartfelt, this collection contains something for everyone to enjoy. You might also like to try Joshua's collection called 'I Bet I Can Make You Laugh' (Bloomsbury ISBN: 978-1472955487), illustrated by Tim Wesson, full of funny poems from contemporary and classic poets.

Joshua Seigal, illustrated by Sarah Horne  
Bloomsbury  
ISBN: 978-1472972743

## Together: Animal partnerships in the wild



Using haiku, Isabel Otter conveys fascinating facts about incredible creatures and the unlikely partnerships they forge.

Isabel Otter, illustrated by Clover Robin  
Caterpillar  
ISBN: 978-1848578661

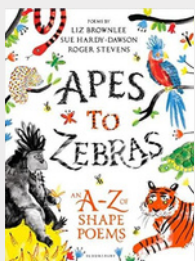
## A Songbird Dreams of Singing: Animal Poems to Share at Bedtime



Interspersed with fascinating facts, this is a collection of lovely poems about sleeping animals, full of stunning illustrations.

Kate Hosford, illustrated by Jennifer M Potter  
Penguin  
ISBN: 978-0241421116

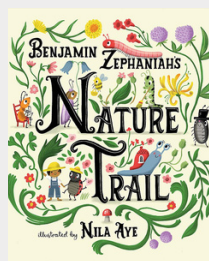
## Apes to Zebras: A-Z of Shape Poems



A fabulous collection of shape poems, featuring an alphabet full of animals, birds and insects, 'Apes to Zebras' was the winner of the North Somerset Teachers' Book Awards Poetry Category 2018.

Liz Brownlee, Sue Hardy-Dawson & Roger Stevens  
Bloomsbury  
ISBN: 978-1472929525

## Nature Trail



A joyful celebration of nature perfect for encouraging little ones to venture on their own nature trail, full of wonderful illustrations by Nila Aye. You might also like 'We Sang Across the Sea: The Empire Windrush and Me' (Scholastic ISBN: 978-0702311161), illustrated by Onyinye Iwu.

Benjamin Zephaniah, illustrated by Nila Aye  
Orchard Books  
ISBN: 978-1408361252

## There's a Crocodile in the House



Packed with interactive poems perfect for performing and sharing, this collection is full of fun and has some handy performance tips included. You might also enjoy 'Football 4 Every 1: Fantastically Funny Poems for All Footie Fans' (Macmillan ISBN: 978-1529022711).

Paul Cookson, illustrated by Liz Million  
Otter-Barry Books  
ISBN: 978-1913074005



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