

A Curriculum for Excellence

Primary - Poetry



CfE recognises that learning is embedded in experience. Outdoor learning is active, hands-on and can provide a real & relevant context. Using the stimuli in the playground you can encourage creative ways of writing poetry.



P1 - Number Poems

5 smooth pink pebbles,
4 sharp stumpy sticks,
3 black fluffy feathers
2 crunchy, lovely leaves,
1 tiny delicate daisy

(Number - adjective - alliteration - object)

P2 - See what I have found?

See what I have found,
Lichen,
Slowly growing, creeping,
Over the bark of the tree,
Will it be here forever?

(See what I have found - name of object - adjective or description - where did you find it - comment/question)



P3 - Top to toe

Your roots, holding you strong,
Your back, gnarled and rough,
Your branches, reach out to others,
Your leaves, where have they gone?

(Travel up the tree and write a line about each new feature)

P4 - Mesotic poem

BerrRies
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doWn
Announcing
AutumN

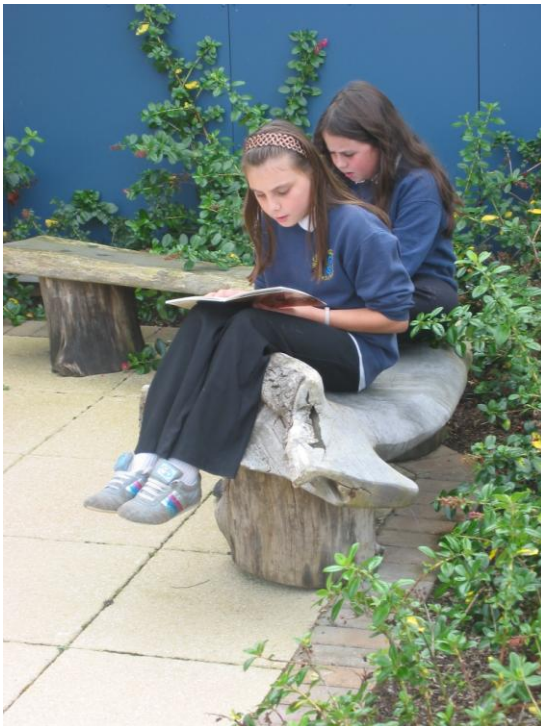
(Pick an object that sparks curiosity and think of words and descriptions that go with it)



P5 - Special Spot cut up

Grass littered with golden leaves,
Taking its winter rest
Leaves stirred by the wind
Overlooked by a wondrous tree
Reaching up wards to the sky

(Spend time on your own and write a line about how you feel, what you can see or hear. Share your line with others and together make a poem for that particular place and time)



P6 - Haiku

On the dead limb,
Squats a crow,
Autumn night.

(The situation you are observing - A pause or more description - A thought or perception from the first 2)

P7 - Fibonacci Sequence

Trees
in
the wood
standing tall
waving their green leaves
catching and filtering sunlight

(Follow the Fibonacci sequence and have the correct number of syllables per line - 1 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 5 - 8)



These ideas have been inspired by a range of people including:

Gordon Maclellan – aka Creeping Toad in his book 'Talking to the Earth' <http://creepingtoad.org.uk/>

Juliet Robertson – from Creative Star www.creativestarning.blogspot.com

Alec Finlay – www.alecfinlay.com