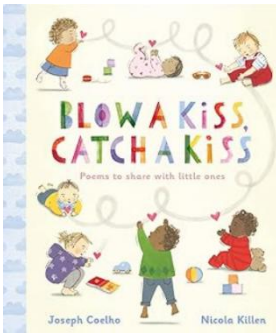




Book of the Month Newsletter – January

Here are the books that have been shared this month:

Acorns – Blow a kiss, catch a kiss

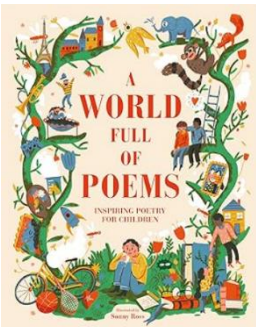
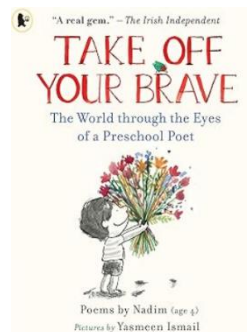


From Eye Caterpillars to The Journey Game, and from Dancing Families to Dreamtime, this collection of fun and heart-warming poems from award-winning children's poet Joseph Coelho are perfect for sharing everyday feelings and experiences.

A brand-new year has fluttered in,
With stories fresh and bright,
And January's books of choice
Are full of rhyme and light.
So cuddle close and take a peek—
A poem waits for you!
A twirl of words, a spark of fun,
A rhythm to renew.
Let's start the year with something fresh,
A joyful place to be...
Turn the page and join us now—
And fall in love with poetry.

Conkers – Take off your brave

The poems in this book beautifully capture how a four-year-old sees the world – a world of rainbows, glitter and magical boxes; a world of nursery, home time and cuddles with Mum. They make for joyful reading and, paired with wonderful pictures by Yasmeen Ismail, are an invitation for young readers to join in the fun... By turns funny and charming, gentle and zany, *Take Off Your Brave* shows that poetry is for everyone – no matter how little you are!

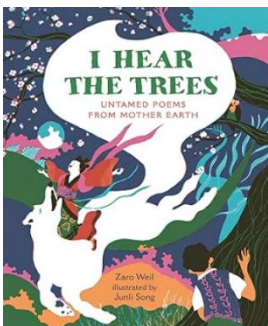
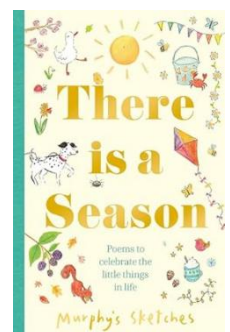


Holly – A world full of poems

This thoughtfully crafted anthology is perfect for children new to verse and for young poetry fans seeking out new favourites. Explore poetry from a diverse selection of contemporary and historical poets, covering a broad range of topics--from personal subjects like emotions and family, to the wonders of the natural environment. Carefully selected works encourage children to see the poetry in everything and to embrace the beauty of their everyday lives.

Hazel – There is a season

A collection of poems to guide you through each season of the year. It takes you on a journey from April showers in spring, to the frosty mornings of winter and everything wonderful in between. Celebrating all that nature has to show us and the little things that we can enjoy together throughout the year, it encourages you to get outside and look for and talk about signs of spring, summer, autumn and winter.

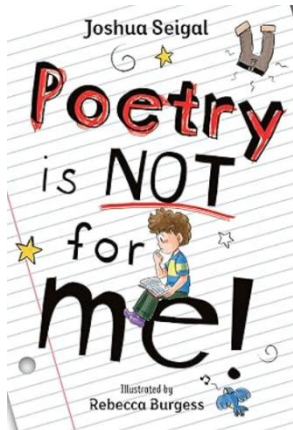
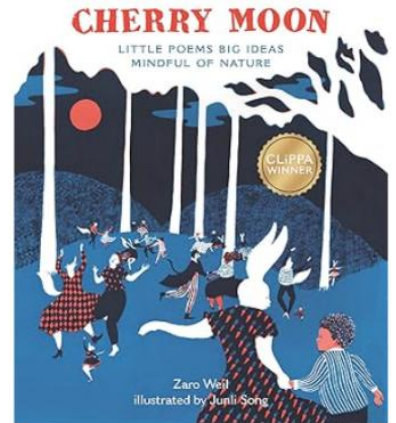


Willow – I hear the trees

Journey into the wild world of Mother Earth in this enchanting poetry collection. Sigh as a mother wolf teaches her cub how to howl. Laugh with bamboozled berries and a ruby-wonderful beet. Feel the thrill of Tyranno's terrifying tale and play with ten on-the-run haiku mice. Your imagination will soar as a hullabaloo of creatures and plants, moon, sun and stars make their way word by word and picture by fantastical picture into your heart.

Cherry – Cherry moon

This dazzling poetry collection bubbles with excitement and creativity, capturing the sheer joy of the natural world. Discover parades of beast-doodles, preposterous penguins, talking blossoms, playful birds, humble fleas and a host of other exotic and everyday creatures who jump off the page and into our hearts.

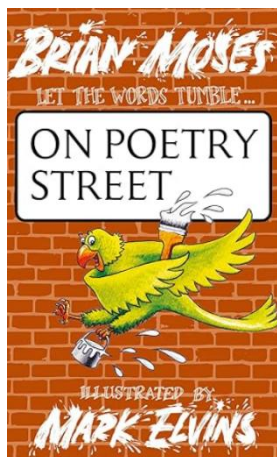
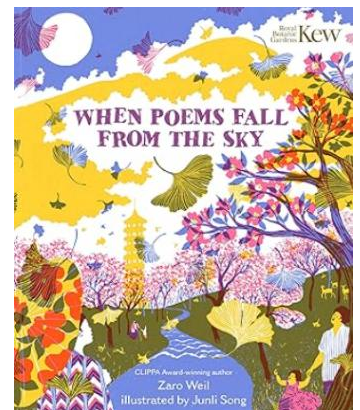


Birch – Poetry is not for me!

Damon is convinced that writing poetry is not for him, he's just not that creative! With time running out to write a poem for homework, he gets in a spin. He turns to his family for help but they're all too busy. It's down to him alone ... can he do it?

Rowan – When poems fall from the sky

Original, inspiring and intimate, *When Poems Fall From the Sky* marries science and poetry to create a tender and thoughtful love-letter to Earth promising children a riot of imagination, humour and joy. The collection of poems, raps, rhymes, haiku and little plays is written by Zaro Weil, winner of the 2020 CLIPPA children's poetry prize and is illustrated throughout by artist Junli Song.

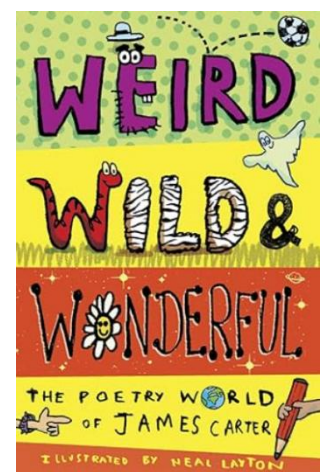


Chestnut – On poetry street

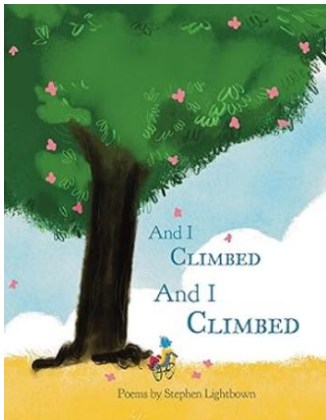
Join our Poetry Street party and get creative! Do you like stringing words together to see what they look like and what they sound like? Do you have rhythms dancing in your head as you drift through the day? Do you rhyme all the time while your feet tap a beat? If you answered YES to all or most of these questions then you're pretty much hooked on words. Now - together - let's take a walk down Poetry Street! With an introduction to welcome readers and creative writing ideas, you will find fifty two poems for any week of the year.

Maple – Weird, Wild and Wonderful (The poetry world of James Carter)

Welcome to the weird, wild and wonderful world of James Carter! Expect to hear the moon speak, explore a magic wood and play air guitar. You'll meet wolves, elephants and a dung beetle; you'll get close to a gorilla and sing a lullaby to a woolly mammoth; you might even meet an alien in a library.



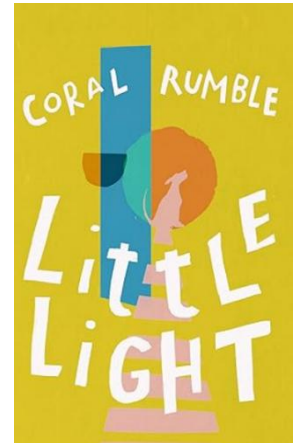
Lime – And I climbed and I climbed



Cosmo is a young boy whose life has been changed forever, after falling out of the tree he loved to climb. Now, Cosmo is disabled and uses a wheelchair. Now, Cosmo wants to have a conversation with the tree. In this outstanding debut collection for children, Stephen Lightbown draws on his own personal experiences as a wheelchair user, while creating a unique and utterly engaging character in Cosmo. Written in Cosmo's voice and peppered with contributions from the boy's family, these poems take the reader on a journey of challenges, questions, hurts, explorations and triumphs. How can Cosmo come to terms with, and adapt to, this seismic change in his life? Is his life as he knew it gone? Could there be new possibilities ahead, and also new abilities that Cosmo doesn't yet know he possesses? And will the tree ever reply to his number one question: *why*?

Sycamore – Little light

Ava is hiding – hiding from the small, cramped room where she lives with her two little siblings and her mum, hiding from the taunts and hostility she gets at school, hiding from her sometimes lonely and joyless life. But there is love here too. Her best friend Roxy, her wise Trinidadian Nan and a stray dog she befriends. Can Ava be brave enough to allow some light to shine into the darkest part of her being? Moving, emotive and poignant, Coral Rumble's poetic novel is a compellingly beautiful read.



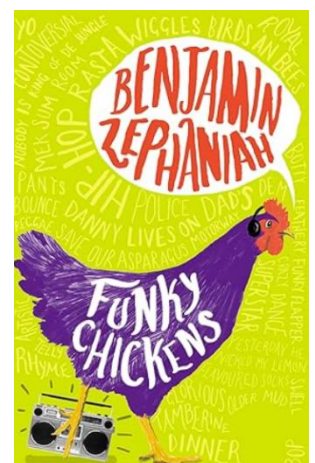
Oak – Spin!

Working with Apples & Snakes, the "Spoken Word Trailblazers", Britain's Children's Laureate has chosen poems from ten debut poets, all from diverse/under-represented backgrounds. Selected for their qualities of originality, expression and style, they represent the best of a new generation of gifted young poets writing for children and young people. These are poems intended to be read aloud and shared. Themes range from video gaming to ice skating and football, hair, holidays, sisterhood, generational memories, friendship, the sense of self, personal experiences, music, and family life. Fifty poems here open windows on a new generation's thoughts, dreams and desires, and on an exciting new wave of poetic talent.

Elder – Funky chickens

Enter the crazy world of rap poet Benjamin Zephaniah!

An irreverent collection of poetry for young people, touching on anything from vegetables to the Queen and from sewage to the sun. There's plenty of humour as well as poems on racism, pollution and the murder of a cat.



As we step into a brand-new year of reading adventures, we hope these poetry picks bring joy, curiosity, and a passion for something new! Wishing you a wonderful January filled with rhythm, rhyme and all the magic that books can bring.