Year	Strands 2, 5, 6 & 7 Reading Poetry:-  • subject matter and theme;  • language use; style  • pattern	Strands 1 & 6 Performing Poetry:- • use of voice; • presentation	Strands 8 – 12 Creating Poetry: -  • original playfulness with language and ideas;  • detailed recreation of closely observed experience;  • using different patterns
R	listen to poems being read and talk about likes and dislikes — including ideas or puzzles, words, and patterns	<ul> <li>join in with class rhymes and poems,</li> <li>copy actions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>enjoy making up funny sentences and playing with words;</li> <li>look carefully at experiences and choose words to describe;</li> <li>make word collections or use simple repeating patterns</li> </ul>
Year 1	<ul> <li>discuss own response and what the poem is about;</li> <li>talk about favourite words or parts of a poem;</li> <li>notice the poem's pattern</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>perform in unison, following the rhythm and keeping time</li> <li>imitate and invent actions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>invent impossible ideas, e.g. magical wishes;</li> <li>observe details of first hand experiences using the senses and describe;</li> <li>list words and phrases or use a repeating pattern or line.</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul> <li>talk about own views, the subject matter and possible meanings;</li> <li>comment on which words have most effect, noticing alliteration;</li> <li>discuss simple poetry patterns</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>perform individually or together; speak clearly and audibly.</li> <li>use actions and sound effects to add to the poem's meaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>experiment with alliteration to create humorous and surprising combinations;</li> <li>make adventurous word choices to describe closely observed experiences;</li> <li>create a pattern or shape on the page; use simple repeating phrases or lines as models</li> </ul>

Year 3	<ul> <li>describe the effect a poem has and suggest possible interpretations;</li> <li>discuss the choice of words and their impact, noticing how the poet creates 'sound effects' by using alliteration, rhythm or rhyme and creates pictures using similes;</li> <li>explain the pattern of different simple forms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>perform individually or chorally; vary volume, experimenting with expression and use pauses for effect</li> <li>use actions, voices, sound effects and musical patterns to add to a performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>invent new similes and experiment with word play;</li> <li>use powerful nouns, adjectives and verbs; experiment with alliteration;</li> <li>write free verse; borrow or create a repeating pattern</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul> <li>describe poem's impact and explain own interpretation by referring to the poem;</li> <li>comment on the use of similes and expressive language to create images, sound effects and atmosphere;</li> <li>discuss the poem's form and suggest the effect on the reader</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vary volume, pace and use appropriate expression when performing</li> <li>use actions, sound effects, musical patterns and images to enhance a poem's meaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>use language playfully to exaggerate or pretend;</li> <li>use similes to build images and identify clichés in own writing;</li> <li>write free verse; use a repeating pattern; experiment with simple forms</li> </ul>

Year 5	<ul> <li>discuss poet's possible viewpoint, explain and justify own response and interpretation;</li> <li>explain the use of unusual or surprising language choices and effects, such as onomatopoeia and metaphor; comment on how this influences meaning;</li> <li>explore imagery including metaphor and personification;</li> <li>compare different forms and describe impact</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vary pitch, pace, volume, expression and use pauses to create impact;</li> <li>use actions, sound effects, musical patterns, images and dramatic interpretation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>invent nonsense words and situations and experiment with unexpected word combinations;</li> <li>use carefully observed details and apt images to bring subject matter alive; avoid cliché in own writing;</li> <li>write free verse; use or invent repeating patterns; attempt different forms, including rhyme for humour</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul> <li>interpret poems, explaining how the poet creates shades of meaning; justify own views and explain underlying themes</li> <li>explain the impact of figurative and expressive language, including metaphor;</li> <li>comment on poems' structures and how these influence meaning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>vary pitch, pace volume, rhythm and expression in relation to the poem's meaning and form</li> <li>use actions, sound effects, musical patterns, images and dramatic interpretation, varying presentations by using ICT</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>use language imaginatively to create surreal, surprising, amusing and inventive poetry;</li> <li>use simple metaphors and personification to create poems based on real or imagined experience;</li> <li>select pattern or form to match meaning and own voice</li> </ul>