

# KS2 Poetry Knowledge Organiser

Poetic Structures	
<b>Ballad</b>	Story poems– often 4 lines stanzas
<b>Blank verse</b>	Verse with no rhyme – usually 10 syllables
<b>Epic</b>	Tragic/heroic story poems
<b>Free verse</b>	No regular rhyme/rhythm
<b>Haiku</b>	3 lines, syllables 5/7/5. Often about nature
<b>Ode</b>	Lyrical poem often addressed to one person
<b>Sonnet</b>	14 lined love poem
<b>Shape poem</b>	Poem is in shape of the main subject
<b>Rhyme scheme</b>	The pattern of the lines that rhyme in a poem.
<b>Rhyming couplet</b>	Two lines next to each other that rhyme.

Poetic Techniques	
<b>Alliteration</b>	When words placed together start with the same sound. “She sells seashells on the seashore.”
<b>Metaphor</b>	When you say something is something else, but you know it can't be. “She is a star!”
<b>Simile</b>	When you compare two things using ‘as’ or ‘like’. “As brave as a lion.”
<b>Onomatopoeia</b>	Words that sound like what they are. “Meow” or “crash”.
<b>Assonance</b>	The repetition of a vowel sound “Go slow over the road”.
<b>Emotive language</b>	Language used to create a particular emotion in the reader.
<b>Figurative language</b>	When writers use similes, metaphors or personification to describe something in a non-literal way.
<b>Imagery</b>	When something is described in way that appeals to our senses.
<b>Structure</b>	The way that the poem is arranged/organised.

Influential Poets	
<b>William Wordsworth</b>	An English Romantic poet. His most famous poem is ‘Daffodils’,
<b>William Shakespeare</b>	In his lifetime he wrote over 150 poems. Shakespearean sonnets are still widely studied today
<b>Emily Dickinson</b>	An American poet who lived most of her life in isolation.
<b>Maya Angelou</b>	A civil rights activist and poet whose most famous poem is ‘Still I Rise’,
<b>Rudyard Kipling</b>	Author of ‘The Jungle Book’. His most famous poem is ‘If’.
<b>Simon Armitage</b>	The current poet laureate which means he is the official poet of the Royal household.
<b>Benjamin Zephaniah</b>	He is a British writer and poet. He was included in <i>The Times</i> list of Britain's top 50 post-war writers in 2008
<b>Ted Hughes</b>	Considered one of the greatest writers and poets of the 20th century.
<b>Wilfred Owen</b>	One of the most famous poets from WW1. He wrote poetry about the horrors of war.