








Write some nature poetry

Educator Notes





Age				
Early Years	4-7	8-12	12-15	16+
				

Time				
> 10 mins	> 30 mins	> 60 mins	> 2 hours	Long term
				

Season				
All year	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
				

Location		
Indoors	Outdoors	Either
		

Equipment list
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A place to sit outside • Paper • activity sheet (optional) • Scissors (optional) • Clipboard (optional)

Curriculum Links	
Expressive Arts	
Health & Wellbeing	
Literacy & English	
Mathematics	
Sciences	
Social Studies	
Technologies	

Instructions
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take a look at the word prompts. Your group can copy down the words or cut them out to help them visualise their poem, or maybe they don't need any prompts at all. 2. You can either write your poetry outside or when you are back indoors. We always encourage writing in nature! 3. Encourage your group to sit and watch the water. Ask them the following prompts and have them write down some of the words they think of: <i>Can you hear anything? Do you see any wildlife? How do you feel?</i> 4. Children can shuffle about the prompt words with their own words on the page and try to form some sentences. 5. Now try and add in extra words to make lines of poetry. Can they think of some words that sound similar, or rhyme? Don't worry if not... poetry doesn't need to rhyme! 6. There is no right or wrong here – poetry is unique to you and your feelings. 7. If children would like to share their poetry, encourage them to do so – and listen to other people's stories too.



Pond Poetry – Activity sheet

Copy or cut out these prompts to help you write your nature poetry

Grass

Happy

Soft

Birdsong

Splash

Bloom

Trickle

Relaxing

Slimy

Buzzing

Playing

Shiny