

Say a poem – Frequently asked questions:

What is Say a poem?

Say a poem is developed by Ruth Miskin. It's for Nursery up to Year 3 in any school, whatever phonics programme you use.

There are over 70 short, memorable poems, each paired with an engaging five-minute film, with more poems added weekly. The poems and films are designed to help children build vocabulary, develop oracy and speak aloud with confidence.

What are the poems about?

The poems are:

- rooted in children's everyday experiences
- rich in language to build children's vocabulary
- playful to say to develop oracy.

Poems are grouped under eight headings:

- Feelings and wellbeing
- Fun and imagination
- Animals and beasts
- School and community
- Speech and language
- Nature and seasons
- Playing and exploring
- Moving and growing.

How do I teach Say a poem?

Each poem is brought to life in an engaging five-minute film.

In each film:

- actors and children encourage your children to participate and speak aloud
- children hear the poem first, then join in
- once familiar, children love joining in all the way through.

The films:

- fit easily into the school day
- encourage participation and speaking aloud
- help children feel "I can do it!"

Poems can be said in small groups with the whole class or whole school.

What age range are the poems for?

The poems are perfect for Nursery to Year 3.

They are available at different vocabulary levels, so you can choose the poems that best suit the children you are working with.

When should I teach Say a poem?

Poems can be used at any point in the school day, for example:

- from the minute children arrive
- to help children refocus
- to support forming friendships
- to explore feelings and wellbeing
- to bring calmness into the classroom
- right through to home time.

They are designed to slot easily into everyday routines.

How does Say a poem support oracy?

The poems are short, rich in language and playful to say, encouraging children to:

- speak aloud
- join in together
- build confidence through repetition.

Actors use My turn Your turn, encouraging children to join in. In each film, children will hear the poem six times and join in three times.

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Yes, Say a poem is included within the Phonics Training Package at no extra cost. If your school has an active Phonics Training Package, you can access the poems by clicking on 'Say a poem' along the search bar on the Ruth Miskin School Portal.

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