



Wednesday 13th January 2021

Green group - Winter Poems

Please complete writing activities in work book.

I would love to see your child's progress!

Thank you, Mrs Bradwell.

I hope you all managed to enjoy the snow at the weekend!

I thought today we could write some poetry with a winter theme.

Start by reading the following poems about winter.



The Snowman

Once there was a snowman
Stood outside the door
Thought he'd like to come inside
And run around the floor;
Thought he'd like to warm himself up
By the firelight red;
Thought he'd like to climb up
On that big white bed.
So he called the North Wind, "Help me now I pray.
I'm completely frozen, standing here all day."
So the North Wind came along and blew him in the door,
And now there's nothing left of him
But a puddle on the floor!

White Snow

The snow is white and clean.
It makes a lovely scene.
It covers cars, and trees,
and streets,
and makes the world go
"hush."

It looks so very pretty—
until it turns to slush!

by Helen H. Moore

Skiing

I'm very good at skiing.
I have a kind of knack
For I can do it front ways
And also on my back.
And when I reach the bottom
I give a sudden flop
And dig myself in sideways
And that's the way I stop.

Marchette Chute

Snowman Sniffles

At winter's end
a snowman grows
a snowdrop
on his carrot nose,
a little, sad,
late-season sniff
dried by the spring
wind's handkerchief.
But day and night
the sniffles drop
like flower buds
—they never stop,
until you wake
and find one day
the cold, old man
has run away,
and winter's winds
that blow and pass
let drifts of snowdrops
in the grass,
reminding us:
where such things grow
a snowman sniffed
not long ago.

N. M. Bodecker

Lost Gloves

They don't come out till the winter months
But stay in hiding. Then slowly one by one
They show themselves, dangling from railings,
Sitting on the tops of posts and pillar boxes,
Settling, fingers spread, on walls and fences;
Or simply lying on pavements or in parks.

Gloves. Leather Gloves, woollen or cotton,
Brown or black, blue, pink or holly-green,

Sometimes their fingers are inside-out
Or bent back. Sometimes they're crumpled,
Sometimes frozen into a pointing shape.
There's never more than one. Never a pair.
The lone gloves. The lost gloves. But look:
Here comes a kid, looking quite warm,
And look at those gloves: one red mitten
And one grey woollen, rather too large.

GERARD BENSON

Winter

Winter crept
through the whispering wood,
hushing fir and oak;
crushed each leaf and froze each web –
but never a word he spoke.

Winter prowled
by the shivering sea,
lifting sand and stone;
nipped each limpet silently –
and then moved on.

Winter raced
down the frozen stream,
catching at his breath;
on his lips were icicles,
at his back was death.

JUDITH NICHOLLS

Snow

And now there's not much left to go
of all that swirling driving snow

that fell for days and made our row
of white-roofed houses shine and glow
as bright as Alps, a week ago.

It soon slid free down wet slates
and showered from eaves and slipped off gates
and gutters ran small glinting spates

of water melted from the snow
that lit our street just days ago.

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<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poem/snow/>

Activity 1 – Fill in the Poetry Language Planer to help you plan your poem.

Poetry Language Planner

Will my poem rhyme? Yes No

<p>Nouns Nouns are used to name a person, animal, place, thing or idea.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Senses</u></p> <p>I could hear:</p> <p>I could feel:</p> <p>I could see:</p>
<p>Adjectives Adjectives are describing words.</p>	
<p>Similes Similes compare different things. They usually use the words 'like' or 'as'.</p>	
<p>Verbs Verbs are 'doing' words. They usually tell us about an action.</p>	

verb

Verbs are doing or action words.
(This includes 'to be' and 'to have').



run



jump



talk

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noun

Nouns are used to name people, animals, things, places, or ideas.



butterfly



dice



pirate



ball



girl



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adjective

Adjectives describe nouns or pronouns.



delicious
cake



sparkly
diamond



beautiful
flower



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Similes

Similes say something **is like** something else.



Granddad is wise
like an owl.



She is as graceful
as a swan.

Activity 2 –

Use your ideas to now write your winter acrostic poem.

I would love to see your poem or even hear it if you would like to record it and send it by a video or voice recording.

Good Luck!

Acrostic Poems

An **acrostic poem** is a **poem** where certain letters in each line spell out a word or phrase. Typically, the first letters of each line are used to spell the message, but they can appear anywhere.

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