

KS2 Poetry Assessment Checklist (Teacher Version)

Purpose: Use this checklist to assess pupils' poetry writing in Years 3–6. It supports formative assessment, peer assessment, and teacher feedback aligned to KS2 writing expectations.

Assessment Area	Yes	Developing	Not Yet	Notes / Evidence
Ideas & Content Clear theme, strong images, originality				
Vocabulary Choice Ambitious words, precise nouns and verbs				
Figurative Language Similes, metaphors, personification where appropriate				
Imagery & Detail Appeals to the senses, shows not tells				
Poetic Structure Lines, stanzas, pattern or form used effectively				
Sound Features Rhyme, rhythm, alliteration, repetition where used				
Voice & Tone Mood fits theme, clear viewpoint				
Editing & Improvement Evidence of redrafting or improvement				
Presentation Neat, readable, suitable for display or performance				
Performance (if applicable) Clear voice, expression, confidence				

Teacher Notes: This checklist is designed to be flexible. Not every poem will include all features. Use professional judgement and focus feedback on next steps rather than scores.