

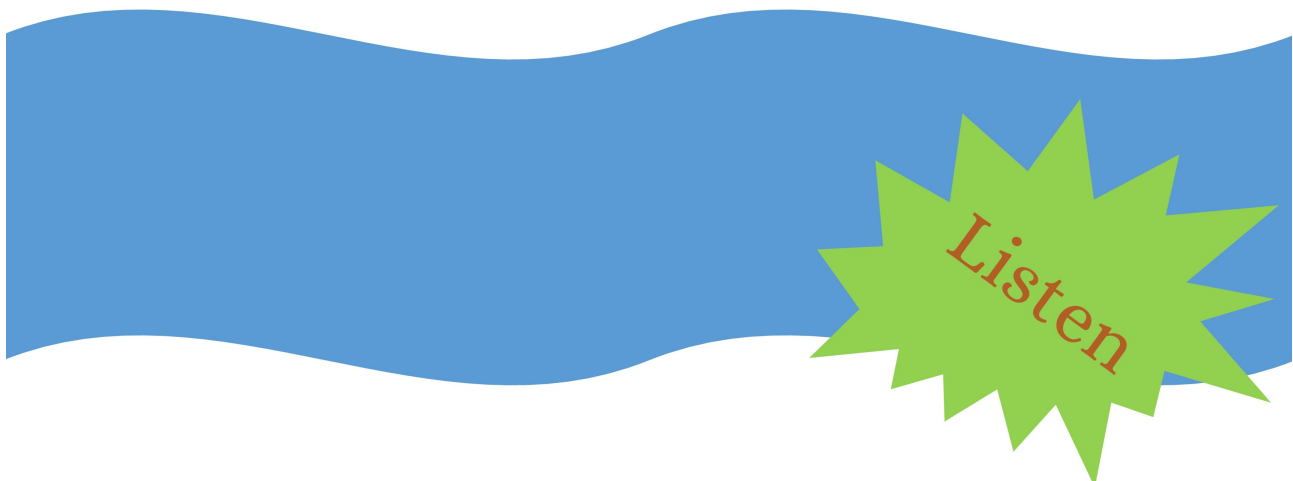


<https://wenlockbooks.co.uk/blog/>

When lockdown began I immediately wanted to find a way to have some input into my grand-children's new home-learning situation - and for me the obvious way to do that was with poetry, as I used to run a poetry club for children after school at my bookshop.

I'm doing three sessions a week, one of which is #FridayFavourites when we reprise poems they have enjoyed over the week. The themes are quite varied, and some may be repeated as time goes by. Some poems may be used several times - this is no bad thing: we all get to know or even love poems by coming back to them again and again.

Any of the poems which are available online are hyper-linked so you can click straight through to them, the rest I use are available in a small selection of favourite



children's poetry books. All are listed so you can find them for yourselves if you would like to. (If you can't manage to find a particular poem, just ask me)

With each theme I also like to give activities for the children to do, and I try to broaden this out where possible - for example by looking at the theme not only through poetry but also by using art and craft, or geography, history - even maths! Each session should last about 30 - 40 minutes.

My suggestion is that children are actively encouraged to doodle while they listen to the poems being read. This really does seem to help them listen! It is also important that you read the poems yourself before each session to be sure you read them fluently, rhythmically and with meaning.

Have fun, and feel free to contact me at annadreda@icloud.com with any questions. You can also use the comments section at the bottom of each post.

<https://wenlockbooks.co.uk/blog/>

