

Please use these questions as prompts to discuss poetry with your child. Remember to enjoy your poem...its ok for you to read it aloud to them!

SUBJECT

Why do you think the poem has that title?
Does the poem tell a story?
Who is telling the poem?
What do you think the poem is about?
What is the poet trying to say?

EMOTION

What do you like about the poem?
How does the poem make you feel?
Does the poem have a mood e.g. is it happy, mysterious, funny ?
Which word or line do you like best?

MOVEMENT

Is the poem in verses? Why?
Does it repeat any words or lines? What effect does this have?
Does the poem rhyme?
Do the lines run quickly or are they slow? Does it speed up or slow down? What effect does this have on the reader?

LANGUAGE

Think about the poem's vocabulary (words).
Do any of the words in the poem make you picture something?
Are any of the words describing sounds?
Is there any alliteration (where words start with the same sound)?
Is there any onomatopoeia (where words are a sound e.g. thud, crash, bang, clink)?

IMAGERY

Are there any similes in the poems (where something is described as being 'like' something else)?
Are there any metaphors?
What pictures are created in your mind as you read the poem?