

VERSE SELECTIONS FOR 2017

SPEECH AND DRAMA CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN

THERE CAME A DAY by Ted Hughes

from SEASON SONGS (Faber & Faber 1976)

or

WHEN GREAT TREES FALL by Maya Angelou

from THE COMPLETE POETRY (Random House 2015)

or

ANY SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET

YEARS 11 AND 12

STOOPING TO DRINK by David Malouf

from POEMS 1959 - 1989 (University of Queensland Press 1992)

or

CABOOLTURE by Steven Herrick

from CABOOLTURE (Five Islands Press Associates, 1990)

YEAR 10

A CROW AND A SCARECROW by Carol Ann Duffy

from NEW AND COLLECTED POEMS FOR CHILDREN (Faber & Faber 2009)

or

TO FIND A SON AND HEIR by Raymond Wilson

from EVERY POEM TELLS A STORY (Puffin Books 1990)

YEAR 9

MOLLY PITCHER by Kate Brownlee Sherwood

from THE GOLDEN TREASURY OF POETRY (William Collins Sons & Co. 1982)

or

THE BALLAD OF WILLIAM BLOAT by Raymond Calvert

from RICH AND RARE (Ward River Press Ltd. 1987)

YEAR 8

THE MAGPIES by Denis Glover

from THE PENGUIN BOOK OF NEW ZEALAND VERSE (Penguin Books 1985)

or

TWO'S COMPANY by Raymond Wilson

from NEVER SAY BOO TO A GHOST (Oxford University Press 1990)

YEAR 7 FEMALE

THE FAMOUS by Carol Ann Duffy

from NEW AND COLLECTED POEMS FOR CHILDREN (Faber and Faber 2009)

or

THE MOUSE , THE FROG AND THE LITTLE RED HEN Anonymous

from COME FOLLOW ME (Evans Brothers Ltd. 1974)

YEAR 7 MALE

MORNING by Elizabeth Honey

from MONGREL DOGGEREL (Allen & Unwin Pty. Ltd. 1998)

or

MAFIA CATS by Roger Mc Gough

from BAD BAD CATS (Puffin Books 1997)

YEAR 6 FEMALE

YOU CAN HEAR THE GRASS by Colin Theile

from POEMS IN MY LUGGAGE (Penguin Books 1989)

or

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DRAGON DEAR by Jack Prelutsky

from DRAGON POEMS (Oxford University Press 1991)

YEAR 6 MALE

MOTHER'S INSTINCT by Steve Turner

from I WAS ONLY ASKING (Lion Publishing 2004)

or

THE SEA by James Reeves

from A PUFFIN QUARTET OF POETS (Puffin Books 1979)

YEAR 5 FEMALE

I'M A PARROT by Grace Nichols

from EARTHWAYS EARTHWISE (Oxford University Press 1993)

or

IF YOU GO SOFTLY by Jenifer Flood

from THE OXFORD BOOK OF ANIMAL POEMS (Oxford University Press 1992)

YEAR 5 MALE

THE KRAKEN by Jack Prelutsky

from INSIDE OUT (Walker Books Ltd. 2008)

or

THE BULLY by David Campbell

from MOVING ON WITH GIGGLES AND DREAMS 2004)

YEAR 4 FEMALE

THE OCTOPUS AND THE SEAHORSE by Jonarno Lawson
from INSIDE OUT (Walker Books Ltd. 2008)

or

HOW TO DAYDREAM by Steve Turner
from I WAS ONLY ASKING (Lion Publishing 2004)

YEAR 4 MALE

THIRTY-TWO LAPS by Michael Rosen
from INSIDE OUT (Walker Books Ltd. 2008)

or

WHAT'S MY NAME? by Roger Stevens
from THE POETRY WORKSHOP (Hodder Children's Books 2005)

YEAR 3 FEMALE

MY NAME by Steve Turner
from I WAS ONLY ASKING (Lion Publishing 2004)

or

BE CAREFUL WITH THE WORLD by Steve Turner
from I WAS ONLY ASKING (Lion Publishing 2004)

YEAR 3 MALE

THE GINGERBREAD MAN by Rowena Bennet
from SINGING IN THE SUN (Puffin Books 1988)

or

THE BIG WIN by Steven Herrick
from UNTANGLING SPAGHETTI (University of Queensland Press 2009)

YEAR 2

LAUGHING TIME by William Jay Smith
from NOISY POEMS (Walker Books Ltd. 1997)

or

THE SMALL GHOSTIE by Barbara Ireson
from NOISY POEMS (Walker Books Ltd. 1997)

YEAR 1

WISHES Anonymous
from THE PUFFIN BOOK OF AMAZING ANIMAL POEMS 2000)

or

FISH by Mary Ann Hoberman

from EARTHWAYS EARTHWISE (Oxford University Press 1993)

NOVICE YEAR 7

THE TALE OF THE CLEVER MONKEY by Wes Magee

from SCRUMDIDDLY (Random House Children's Books 1992)

or

DON'T PANIC by Eric Finney

from ANOTHER SECOND POETRY BOOK (Oxford University Press 1988)

NOVICE YEAR 6

GRASSHOPPER ONE by Colin Theile

from SONGS FOR MY THONGS (Adelaide Rigby Publishing 1982)

or

LIZZIE AND THE APPLE TREE by Julie Holder

from A THIRD BOOK OF POETRY (Oxford University Press 1982)

NOVICE YEAR 5

THE LOOK by Carol Ann Duffy

from NEW AND COLLECTED POEMS FOR CHILDREN (Faber and Faber 2009)

or

DISGUSTING by Colin Theile

from POEMS IN MY LUGGAGE (Penguin Books 1989)