



## The Poetry Basket

Poetry is a vehicle for adopting new vocabulary in a fun and accessible way, which is so important for children's Communication and Language development that is part of the statutory EYFS framework. Children begin to use a wider variety of vocabulary as they connect with words simply and deeply through the rhythm of a poem (Helicopter Stories, 2022)

In EYFS, we use poems from The Poetry Basket to promote a love of language and support the children's listening and speaking skills. Each poem has actions to reinforce the language and its meaning. The children learn several poems over the academic year which develops their language skills, confidence to perform and imagination. Please support your child at home by reading the poem aloud and encouraging them to perform it to you with the actions.

### Summer Term 2 Poem – 'A Little Shell'

Once I saw a little shell,  
Upon a garden wall.  
I tapped upon a little door,  
No answer came at all.  
But as I turned to go away,  
A snail crept out to see,  
Who tapped upon his little door,  
He waved his horns at me.

