**What is a poem?**

Before going out into the wild it's important to be well equipped - so make sure your class is all on the same page about what a poem is.

If you've already joined us for the Wild Words session in the Garden we will have done this with you, but it can be a good exercise to follow-up back in the classroom and see what the children remember and if there's anything else they might now add to the list.

If you are doing this for the first time, create a list of suggestions with the children and then compare it to the list below:

* It can paint a picture in your mind with words
* It is arranged in separate lines (or groups of separate lines)
* It can help you to notice things from a different point of view
* It uses words in an imaginative and creative way
* It can express ideas, thoughts or feelings
* It might cause you to feel emotion - like joy, sadness, excitement, calm or curiosity
* It is made of words chosen for their sound and beauty
* It might rhyme, but it doesn’t have to! It could just have its own rhythm
* It could sound even better if you read it out aloud
* It can be mysterious - so it doesn’t matter if you don’t understand it all!