MOTHER’S DAY AND POETRY LESSON PLANS

Writing **Mother’s Day Poems** to include within a **Mother’s Day card** is a fun way to incorporate **literacy for KS1 and KS2** into an activity to celebrate this traditional spring event. This could be a short verse (rhyming or non-rhyming), an acrostic poem or a shape poem in the form of a heart.

We’ve selected a few of our favourite ideas to help you to inspire your pupils to get creative with their feelings through poetry.

EYFS and lower KS1

Discuss what it is that makes your mum such a special person to you. Ask the children to think of a range of different adjectives to describe their mum such as kind, caring, funny, beautiful etc.

For younger learners, such as Reception and Year 1, we’ve created a template for your pupils to complete themselves, filling in the spaces with what makes their mum special.

I am so lucky to have you as my mummy

Because you are ………., ………. and very funny.

I like it when you ……………………… with me

Because being with you makes me happy.

I like it when we ……………………… together

Because it gives me the best feeling ever!

But most of all I love you like no other

Because you’re my one and only mother.

Happy Mother’s Day!

KS1

Discuss the different forms a poem can take, such as rhyming or non-rhyming, an acrostic poem or a shape poem. Ask your pupils to think of the things which make a mum a special person, and in particular, what makes that person a ‘mum’ to them. Some questions to use as a prompt could be:

My mum is:

My mum likes:

In the morning my mum is:

The best thing about my mum is:

The funniest thing my mum does is:

My mum really likes to:

When my mum smiles it reminds me of:

KS2

There are a range of poems which can be discussed in class, such as Mum by children’s poet, [Andrew Fusek Peters](http://www.poetryarchive.org/poem/mum-polly-peters) and Mother – A Cradle To Hold Me by [Maya Angelou](http://mayaangelou.com/). By contrasting the two points of view from each poem you can demonstrate the how personal a mother and child relationship can be.

The [Poetry Society](http://poetrysociety.org.uk/) website features a brilliant online library of resources, which are free to download. “Favourite Things” by Phil Bowen, gives an excellent lesson plan on how to construct a poem based on a favourite person, which can easily translate into a poem for Mother’s Day.