



World Poetry Day Picture Rhymes

Introduction

To celebrate World Poetry Day, we're using pictures to inspire poetry and play with rhymes! This activity encourages learners to use their AAC devices to describe what they see and create some rhyming phrases, helping them explore creativity, vocabulary, and rhythm in language.

Equipment

Picture cards or digital images (e.g., nature, animals, people, emotions, objects)
Pre-written rhyming pairs (optional for support)
AAC devices with core and descriptive vocabulary

Vocabulary

Core Words: look, see, big, small, feel, like, make, put, stop, go, more, again, fast, slow, listen
Fringe Words: sky, tree, bright, night, fun, sun, cat, hat, blue, true, light, right, tall, small

What to do

- Show a picture (e.g., a tree, the sky, a cat, a smiling person).
- Model describing the picture using an AAC device: *"Look! The tree is tall."* or *"The sky is big and blue."*
- Encourage others to create their own descriptions, providing support and modelling as needed.
- Provide support as needed to create simple rhymes from the picture descriptions.
- For example, if someone describes a picture as, *"The cat is small,"* you could model the rhyme *"It jumps on the wall!"* or you could provide support to find rhyming words such as, *"What rhymes with 'sun'? (fun, run, one)"*
- Put the lines together to form a simple poem.
- For example,

"The sky is blue,
The sun is bright,
The trees stand tall,
Day turns to night!"
- Take turns to read out the poems using AAC.

Sentence Ideas

1 Word Level: look, see, like, make, go, more
2 Word Level: look up, see tree, big sky, make more
3 Word Level: sky is blue, cat is small, I like that

Language Functions

Refusing: don't want, not that, stop please
Commenting: that's funny, I like that, sounds great
Directing: put it here, make more, say it again
Requesting: I want more, let's do it, help me
Interjections: wow, yay, oh no, amazing, cool, awesome

Generalisation

This activity can be expanded into other themes, such as writing rhymes about seasons, people, or favourite activities!