



# POETRY

Use this poem to introduce poetry to early learners.

Write the poem below on a large sheet of paper and read out aloud to the children, pointing to the words as you go.

## ACTIVITIES

- Colour the words of the poem with the appropriate colour.
- Ask the children to do the actions to the poem.
- Discuss the words in the poem that sound the same and introduce the word 'rhyming' to them.
- Give the children examples of rhyming words such as 'dog' and 'log'. Say a word and ask the children to give a word that rhymes with it.
- Discuss other actions that rhyme with the colour.
- Introduce a tune to the poem.
- Sing the poem and introduce the actions.

## The Colour Poem

(sung to the tune 'This Old Man')

Red, red, red, touch your head.

Blue, blue, blue, tie your shoe.

Brown, brown, brown, touch the ground.

White, white, white, take a bite.

Black, black, black, touch your back.

Green, green, green, bend and lean.

Pink, pink, pink, give a wink.

Grey, grey, grey, shout hurray!