



# THE WAY



## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

**As a child, I loved poetry.** I still have the copies of “When We Were Very Young” and “Now We Are Six” by A.A.Milne, precious gifts given to me by my adored grandparents.

Poetry opens the world of rhyme and rhythm. It can be lyrical and free, providing opportunities for expressing emotions and imagination. The shorter amount of text can help children read more closely and develop stronger connections to the meaning of the poem. Poets can use vocabulary in fresh, new ways that add richness to our world.

Many classes are spending time reading and writing poetry in Term 4 so encourage your children to do the same at home. Look for books of poetry in your local library. Read poems together and share in the beauty or the fun of the language. Maybe you will find your own treasured poet as I discovered A.A.Milne.

Enjoy this poem created by 5W at the start of their Term 4 unit.

### **I Am Poem**

I am as thick skinned as an elephant,  
because I don't get moved by insults.

I am an autumn leaf falling,  
because I dance so smoothly.

I am as strong as a chair,

because you can always trust me.

I am the confidence of a sports star,  
because I kick a ball with ease.

I am as resilient as a coach,  
because I bounce back from my mistakes.

I am a worm in a hole,  
because I am always reading, anywhere and anyhow.

I am as funny as a meerkat,  
because my family and friends always laugh at my jokes.

I am a fruit tree,  
because every mistake of mine is a fresh start.

I am as loud as a bullhorn,  
because I have lots of wonderful things to say.

I am as daring as Sur Ronster,  
because I can do knee knocks on my bike.

I am a racing superstar,  
because God gifted me with special skills.

I am as smart as a bird building its nest,  
because I listen in class.

I am as brave as a fierce lion,  
because my head is held high and ready to overcome fear.

I am as sensible as a mouse,  
because I don't like to get in trouble.

I am as passionate as a teacher,  
because I always like to help my friends.

I am nature's biggest fan,  
because I admire the wonders beneath the bushes.

I am as sweet as a cherry growing on a tree,  
because people appreciate me for who I am.

I am as friendly as a quokka,  
because I am kind to all I meet.

I am as calm as a bird gliding in the wind,  
because little things don't bother me.

I am the melody of an orchestra,  
because I love to play the violin.

I am as caring as a mother bird,  
because I make sure everyone is okay.

I am as crazy as a chipmunk,

because I have so much energy to share.

I am as brave as a bear,  
because I am scared of nothing.

I am as creative as a spider,  
because I always make new things.

I am a clown in a circus,  
because I make people laugh.

We are 5W.

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