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Teacher Notes

YouTube Links:

- Poetry Time with Dr. Kim version: <https://youtu.be/OB6lBFrbyUI>

Use the poem "Spring from Coast to Coast" in various ways:

- As a **bell ringer** or **post-recess moment of focus**. Let the video play while you tidy or prep.
- Introduce **acrostic poems**, then ask students to write their own acrostics using simple SPINE words. *A simple explanation and example are included after the poem.*
- Complement classes on **spring animals** – use inquiry questions to discover what the animals in the poem do during spring
- Complement classes on different **Canadian provinces** – use inquiry questions or research to discover which animals live in which Canadian provinces
- **Fine arts activities** – students **draw a scene** from the poem or draw a picture of an animal of their choosing in spring

If you have questions or would like to share feedback, please get in touch:

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Happy Teaching, Kim x

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Spring from Coast to Coast

By Kim T. Harrison

Squirrels sniff the melting snow

Pups and kits get ready to go

Robins sing their cheery song

Insects hatch, growing strong

Newborn lambs skip and play

Grazing goats jump in the hay

Goslings follow mom and bond

Newts and toads find a pond

Inchworms creep, looping on trees

Rabbits nibble, enjoying the breeze

Puffins gather on ocean rocks

Sparrows nest and fly in flocks

SPRING is here from coast to coast

Which part of spring do you love the most?

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Can you write your own acrostic poem?

1. Choose a short word to be the SPINE of your poem. For example: DOG
2. Now, write D O G vertically on your page
3. Then write 3 lines. The first line will start with a D-word, the second line with an O-word, and the third with a G-word.

For example:

D _____
O _____
G _____

Digging in the dirt
Outside, my dog
Greets me with a happy bark

Your Turn!

Choose your SPINE word: _____

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About Dr. Kim

Dr. Kim's full name is Kim T. Harrison. She is a writer, poet, and teacher, who was born in England but moved to Canada a long time ago and now lives on the beautiful island of Newfoundland.

Dr. Kim can't help fix a broken leg or a sore throat, but she can prescribe poetry reading and writing activities! She's a "doctor" because she has a PhD in French literature and cultural studies. This means she's read and written about A LOT of books and poems. When she was a kid, her favourite book had lots of different poems in it. She still reads these poems today and now writes her own because she loves the sound and feel of words, and the magic that happens when those words work together to create new worlds.

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