Poetry Competition

Friday 3rd of March - Homework- to learn a poem

In the past, we have had an annual poetry competition, which is a wonderful opportunity for children to recite poetry and listen to other children's poems. However, this has not happened since Covid. This year we would like to reinstate the poetry competition.

As part of the national curriculum there is a focus on reading and learning poetry 'by heart'. Homework this week is to select and learn a poem by heart to be performed in front of the class. The class teacher and TAs will listen to their polished entries on **Monday 20th March** and the best ten from each class will perform their poem to the rest of the key stage on **Thursday 23rd March**. We will then select the best 4/5 from each class in the school to perform their poems to the whole school in a poetry competition on **Tuesday 28th March.** Parents will be invited to this event.

We have been reading poems to the class to give them inspiration and there are poetry books in school. Children's poems can also be found on websites.

Children will be judged on a number of different qualities:

- **Their physical presence** e.g. standing up straight and good eye contact with the audience.
- **Voice and articulation:** volume, pace, intonation and rhythm.
- **Evidence of understanding of the poem and communicating this to the audience.**
- **An age appropriate poem** (we would be expecting a Blue class child to be reciting a longer poem than a child in KS1).

We would like to emphasise that this is a poetry recital in which children rely on their voices for expression, and they should not 'act out' the poem or use props.

We look forward to hearing their polished entries.

Many Thanks