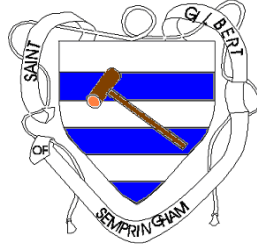


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Dear Parents,

## POETRY COMPETITION 2018

The week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July is going to be Poetry Week in Key Stage Two. As part of the National Curriculum children are expected to rehearse and learn techniques for public speaking and, more specifically, recitation and performance of poetry. Alongside the poetry lessons, there will be a competition with awards for excellent performances.

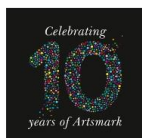
Each class has been given a selection of poems (attached) from which each pupil has to choose **one** to learn “off by heart” and perform in class during this week. Once the class have all performed, the top two performers will go through to a competition in the hall where they will perform again in front of the whole school and a judging panel for a chance of a prize! Each class will also present a very special class poetry performance for everyone to enjoy.

Teachers will be helping children with how to add interest to their performance but here are a few things you can help your child with: 1) understanding the poem and so reciting it with correct meaning, 2) Make sure words are pronounced accurately and with clear diction – no dropped letters!, 3) Add some action – don't just stand there! Help the listener to understand the words and mood of the poem by using actions, acting or even just well-timed facial expressions!

We are really looking forward to what should be a fun week! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to approach your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Killeen  
(Literacy subject leader)



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