



Recitation Day (Thursday 18th June 2020)

“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words” – Robert Frost

In the final month of the school year, we want all of our children to participate in a special challenge. Over the next two and a half weeks, we would ask parents to read some poetry with their children in books and online, agreeing a poem that the child will learn from memory to recite and share through Seesaw with all of the other children in the class.

The poem can be short or long, rhyming or non-rhyming or even the first verse of a longer poem.

We want the children to practice reciting the words of the poem **clearly** and to add **expression for effect** if and when appropriate. The title and name of the poet (where known) should be announced before reading the poem aloud.

The children should also write out their chosen poem on an A4 page, decorating it in a manner of their choosing so that this too can be shared with the class, as well as helping them learn the words. It will also be important that you discuss the words and meaning of the chosen poem.

The poem can be chosen from any book or online, and the links below are to websites including hundreds of poems for children from which you can choose:

<https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poems/children/>

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/children>

<https://www.writersdigest.com/whats-new/poems-for-kids>

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/cjn23/inspirational-poems-for-kids/>

Note: Nursery rhymes are traditional poems and can be used by younger pupils in the school.

