

Priors Hall – a learning community

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Dear Parents/Carers,

National Poetry Day is the biggest annual celebration of poetry in the UK, bringing people together to enjoy, discover and share words that matter. It is a great opportunity for young people and children to find creative inspiration and develop their own connections with all kinds of poetry, whether through writing, speaking, reading, listening or a combination of all four.

Challenge

We are encouraging you to write a poem of your choice. Add illustrations and practise performing them!

Think about how you will display your poem. Be creative!

We will be judging your poems and for the top 3, you will receive an amazon voucher!

1st- £15

2nd- £10

3rd- £5

Some of these poems will be displayed in the Corby library.

Please bring your completed poems into school on Wednesday 6th October. We can't wait to read them!

Read a poem, write a poem, share a poem!

Mrs Ellis

Some thoughts about writing a poem...

The word 'poet' comes from the Greek word 'poietes', which means 'someone who makes or creates things.'

In creating a poem think about:

- Crafting your poem – looking for the right words, and the best place for them
- Shaping your poem – will it rhyme or be in free verse? Will you use a particular form or device? – e.g. couplets, haiku, limerick, repetition
- Your poem's sound and rhythm

Fun with words- Alliteration

Choosing words starting with the same letter gives wonderful sounds to poems. Look at this description of a fox ...His fur was freaked. His foxy face was frantic as he flew. A few feathers fluttered out of his mouth...

Fun with words – Onomatopoeia!

Balloons pop. Water drips. Fierce dogs growl. Thunder roars. Think of some more phrases like this where the verb sounds like the thing it is describing – just as the word 'pop' sounds like the sound of a balloon bursting!

"What starts as a quiet hand-grasp between the poet and each individual reader can become a linking of arms, and when it does, it makes life a little better, the world a slightly different place."

National Poetry Day Champion