

Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Poetry themed Writing Week. It was a great success, and the children really enjoyed all the activities. Here are some of the highlights from each year group.

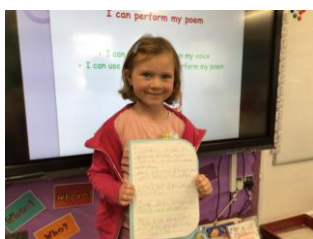
## Year 2

We started our week with lots of poetry reading, including listening to poems on the fantastic Bluenoses website. This inspired us to write class poems about 'When My Brother Plays his Trumpet.....', which we then performed together.

We then moved on to writing list poems about types of transport and animals. We used lots of grammatical features we have been learning about, including nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.

For an art and writing activity, we all thought about what we might find inside a Giant's Fridge. We drew what the Giant might eat, put it into a fridge, then wrote a poem to describe the food. We used alliteration, similes and even some rhymes. Having watched Joseph Coelho perform some of his poems, we were ready to perform our own poems to the rest of the class. They were fantastic!

We finished our week by listening to some classic poetry, including The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear and My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson.



## Year 1

Year 1 also loved learning about different types of poems. We started the week by sharing some poems by Paul Cookson and we decided to write poems about our topic of Spring. We brainstormed words describing things that we might see, hear, smell and touch in Springtime, then used these words to create our own Spring poems. Most had fabulous adjectives, some had rhyming words and some children even used similes!

We then looked at the poetry of Michael Rosen and watched how engaged his listeners with different techniques. Then it was our turn to perform some of our favourite poems to all the children in Year One and the actions and expression was fantastic.

On World Book Day we wrote about our characters and finished off our poetry focus with some Kennings poems. These gave the children the opportunity to create riddle poems and all the children loved challenging their teachers to guess what their poem was about.



## Year R

Year R had lots of fun during writing week. We started the week learning about rhyme, playing games such as rhyming pairs and rhyme I spy. We also made silly soup with rhyming objects.

We learnt all about Shrove Tuesday. We looked at the ingredients used to make pancakes and we got to taste them too! We then wrote acrostic pancake poems.

As our current topic is springtime, we also wrote about Spring flowers and poems called 'In My Spring Garden...'

The children loved coming to school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories and they looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes. The class teachers did story swaps within the year group and we listened to lots of poetry throughout the week.



## Bedtime Stories

After school on Tuesday, lots of children came back to their classrooms for **Bedtime Stories** and a snack, wearing pyjamas and carrying a cuddly friend. They all enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere and seeing their teachers in their pyjamas too.....



**World Book Day** saw children and staff all dressed up as their favourite book character. We were amazed by how creative you all are and the children loved talking about their characters.



We also had some fantastic entries for the **Reading in an Unusual Place** or **Reading Something Unusual Photo Competition!** Judging was extremely difficult for the team of judges as we would have liked to give a prize to everyone who entered!

**The winners are below and from Green Class, Yellow Class  
Rainbow Class!**



**Finally** - Thank you very much to all the children who took part in our **Sponsored Read** and to all those of you who kindly collected sponsorship money. The total is still being collated but we will let you know when we have a final amount. The money will be shared between every class to buy new Reading for Pleasure books which your children will be able to bring home to share with you.

Thank you all once again for your support.

With best wishes from Mrs Watkin