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Monday 24th September

National Poetry Day Thursday 4th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to announce that this year we will be celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday 4th October. The theme for the day is change. We have invited the poet and writer Rob Parkinson to help the children to explore poetry by listening, performing and responding to some of his work in assembly. He will also work with the Upper KS2 children to create their own poems. Rob runs Able Writers days and knows how to bring the best out of the children. He is also the author of the poem: "My Dad's not a Dog," which we studied during book week and which led to the creation of many amusing Reculver-style spin-offs!



In our classes, we will explore a range of poems about change and will write and perform some of our own work. We hope that this will engage and entertain the children, as well as enrich their language and increase their enthusiasm for poetry in the year ahead.

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In the afternoon, we will be tuning into a Live Broadcast led by the National Poetry Day ambassador, poet and author Joseph Coelho and and BBC presenter and author Katie Thistleton. The children will be invited to delve into creative writing and use their imaginations to contribute to a mass Live Lessons poem.

In order to fund our visitor we will be holding a **non-uniform day** on the day (**Thursday 4th October**) and would ask that the children bring in a £1.50 contribution. We would love the children to come dressed up as their favourite character from a story, poem or rhyme. Some ideas are: The Cat in the Hat or other Dr Seuss character, The Highwayman, Humpty Dumpty, Little Miss Muffett, Macavity the Mystery Cat, the Jabberwocky, The Owl and the Pussycat Little Bo Peep, Jack and Jill, any character from the Julia Donaldson picture books or any book character that inspires them. If your child is not a dressing up enthusiast, they are welcome to come in non-school uniform and join in the fun that way.

We are sure this will be a day to remember – not least for the wonderful work we are sure they will produce!

Mrs Wright