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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Performance Poetry Competition

Yesterday I spoke to the children about our annual performance poetry competition and wanted to ask you for your help in encouraging your child to be brave and have a go!

It's really simple for the children to take part. All the children need to do is find a poem that they enjoy. They do not need to write one as it is the performance of the poem that is the focus of this competition. They could visit the school library or local library to find a poem, search on line or may even have a favourite poem at home that they might want to perform.

They then need to practice reading it fluently until they have memorised it before beginning to consider how they could add more expression and movement to help bring it to life. The children do not have to perform their poem to the whole class if they don't want to. They could perform it to a friend or a teacher and all children who participate will get a certificate to recognise their achievement.

From all those that take part, each class will choose a child to perform their poem to the rest of school in a special assembly Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and then will go on to perform their poem at an Inter School Poetry competition on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Each child selected to represent their class will receive a small prize.

There are a number of brilliant websites and videos on Youtube that children can access to inspire them. A good starting point can be found at [performapoem.lgfl.org.uk](http://performapoem.lgfl.org.uk) or at this address on the BBC website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-understanding-poetry/zdwxbdm>

Please do encourage your child to have a go. It should be lots of fun.

**Mr A Dyall**  
Head Teacher

"We are all different, we are all special"

