

Half Term Homework and World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

“Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found its words.”

Dear Families

We would like your assistance in celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 1st March 2018**. The day is an opportunity for your children to appreciate the literature and authors who surround us. This year our day will be focussed around poetry, please read on to find out more.

As part of the day children (and staff) will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite poet, character from a poem or a character from their favourite book.

We will be judging the best characters from each class. Please bear in mind your child must be able to explain a little about the character they are dressed as.

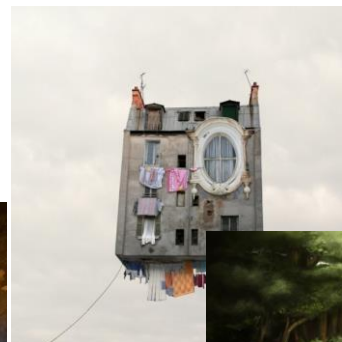
On Wednesday 21st February a published poet, Paul Lyalls, will be visiting Newbury Park to run two writing workshops for aspiring poets. Paul was the writer in residence at the Roald Dahl Museum and has recently published a collection of children’s poetry called *A Funny Thing Happened*. The children will then follow-up this work on World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. Paul is looking for 60 children across the school to work with, we will be choosing winners to work with him. Good luck!

What thoughts come to you when you see these images?

Does your mind fill with words?

Does your brain explode with emotions?

Does your hand want to grab a pen and write immediately?



“Inspiring Learners”

Half term Homework

So, what do you have to do to take part in the day? Write a poem, of course!

Or, do you just find that you can find words for anything and everything? Well...

Your poem can be about whatever you want but must be a free verse poem – no acrostics, and remember, not every line has to rhyme! The images above are just there in case you get stuck for ideas. You could:

- Write about a journey you have been on, possibly to somewhere new or unexpected!
- Pick a news story and write a poem about it
- Write a poem from the point of view of an unusual object or animal...ever wondered what it is like to be a pencil for a day? Ever wondered what the cat does when everyone is out of the house?
- Write a poem about a dream you may have had
- Write something that makes absolutely no sense whatsoever

Paul is looking for young poets that show a real love of writing, who are willing to learn and who are bursting with ideas.

Poems should be written on DB Primary. The work will be posted within your tasks and completed by 9.00am on Monday 19th February. The winners will find out if they have a place on Wednesday 21st February.

Happy Writing!

Kind regards
Mr Leach-Forbes