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*Journeying together
with God*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Galley Poetry Award was set up in honour of Mrs Galley, one of the school's longest serving members of staff, when she retired.

Poetry, and specifically reciting poetry, is part of the National Curriculum. The Award is designed to further promote poetry across the school and give children the opportunity to learn and perform a favourite poem.

As reciting poetry is in relation to the Curriculum, all children are expected to learn a poem of their choice (see rules below). They need to practise reading this poem out aloud, with or without actions, from memory. Each class will be having a competition to choose a class representative. All children are expected to recite their poem to an audience (this will be adjusted based on the needs of the child) and children who want to be entered into the competition can choose to do so. The class representatives will then move through to the grand final. Teachers will let you know when the class competition will be.

The chosen child from each class will perform their poem again in front of the whole school and a panel of judges on Wednesday 12th March. A winner from each key stage (Rec/KS1 and KS2) will then have their name engraved on our winners' shield. The rules are as follows:

- All children are to learn a poem. This is part of the curriculum.
- Poems can be chosen by the children or they could be directed to a popular poet.
- Poems from Reception, year 1 and year 2 should be at least four lines long.
- Poems from key stage two should be at least twelve lines long.
- Children should practise performing and reciting their poem at home.
- All poems should be learnt by the date of the class competition.
- All children should recite their poem to an audience, even if they choose not to be part of the competition.
- One child will be selected from each class to perform in the grand final on Wednesday 12th March.
- Finalists will perform to the whole school and their parents/carers will be welcome to attend. Please note parents/carers will be notified on Thursday 6th March if their child will be in the final.
- Judges will select two overall winners who will have their names engraved on the Award shield (in our entrance hall).



Thank you in anticipation of your support for this event.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ruth Esplin
Headteacher

