



1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Over a two-week period in March, KS2 pupils will be studying poetry. Pupils will read and analyse poetry, perform poems and even write their own. Pupils will then have the opportunity to enter into a national competition, Poetry by Heart, at the end of March if they wish to do so.

I am delighted to inform you that we have arranged for an established poet – Ian Bland - to come in and work with KS2 pupils on the 20<sup>th</sup> March in order to engage and inspire pupils in this topic. He will run workshops focusing on performance and writing poetry of their own. Before the end of the school day, there will be an assembly where pupils can share some of the successes of the day and perform some of their own poems.

After school, parents and children are welcome to come into school, meet with Ian and purchase a signed copy of one of his books.

We are asking parents for a contribution of £3.00 per child for workshops and this needs to be paid via Parent Pay no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> March. We think this will be a great opportunity for pupils and will excite and enthuse them in their new topic. We appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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