



Edenfield C of E Primary School



11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be launching Reading Week on Monday 28th February to coincide with World Book Day on 3rd March. Every class will enjoy a wide range of exciting activities linked to the theme of **'poetry'**. School will also be hosting a number of events to promote a love of books and reading. These include:

- The Readathon (separate letter attached)
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) initiative throughout the week
- Class teacher swap sessions to share the teachers' favourite poems
- Dressing up Day (each class will receive a letter from the teacher) and Parade
- Book Oscars – books will be nominated by pupils and a final vote will result in the Book Oscar Awards
- Lots of exciting reading and writing activities linked to the chosen class poet
- Whole school presentation for parents and carers on the poetry studied (more details to follow)
- 'Poem in a Box' competition

Due to uncertainty around Covid-19 restrictions we are currently unsure if we will be able to offer the annual 'Read with a Grandparent Day' which we love to host. We will make a decision about this event, as soon as we return after the half term holiday, and inform you about the details promptly.

Poem in a Box Competition

In addition to all of the wonderful activities taking place in school, we would like the children to get involved with our reading theme week by getting creative at home! The task is to create a **'Poem in a Box'**. This consists of creating a scene to represent the poem inside a box. From your scene and clues, other people should be able to guess which poem you have chosen. The title of your poem must **not** be displayed. In order to raise money for school and to cover the cost of competition prizes, we are requesting an entry fee of £1.00 for each box. Entry slips will be distributed after the half term holiday. Please bring in your **'Poem in a Box'** no later than Friday 4th March, clearly labelled with your name and class. This will allow your poem title to be guessed during timetabled viewing sessions throughout the designated day. Prizes will be awarded to individuals from each class.

Here are some examples to get your creative juices flowing.



For further inspiration, the poets and poems selected for each class are as follows:

- Class R: From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson
- Y1: Now We Are Six by A A Milne
- Y2: The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear.
- Y3: The Tale of Custard the Dragon by Ogden Nash
- Y4: The spider and the fly by Mary Howitt
- Y5: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
- Y6: The Lost Words by Andrew Macfarlane

We are looking forward to a successful week of reading challenges. Please keep checking the website gallery for a range of photographs capturing the week's events.

Yours faithfully,

C L Garner
Headteacher