

Willow Christmas Writing Competition



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, we are working in collaboration with Phil Sheppard, a local author and illustrator, who works for Doncaster Stories, to encourage our pupils to be creative and imaginative writers. Phil is a talented author, who hopes to inspire creativity in others and produce work that is enjoyed and treasured by its readers and audiences.

This December, we are inviting our pupils to take part in a creative writing competition! All our pupils need to do is write and submit a poem based on the theme of 'Christmas' to be in with the chance of winning a prize from Doncaster Stories.

Phil has created an inspiring video to launch our competition. Please follow the link below to watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMsDi2NAays>

Our pupils have had the opportunity to watch the video in school during an assembly. Over the next week, pupils will have class discussions about the different types of poetry and creative writing with their class teacher. Pupils will be given the opportunity to create a first draft in school, which they will need to develop and publish in their own time at home. We would like to encourage our parents and carers to support our pupils with their ideas and creatively publishing their poems. Poems can be hand written, typed or presented in any way you choose.

Phil and the team at Doncaster Stories have kindly donated a wonderful selection of engaging stories and texts, which we will be using as prizes for our competition. **The deadline for all entries is Wednesday 14th December** and the winners be announced on Friday 16th December.

Please hand in all entries to your child's class teacher. We are so excited to see what creative outcomes our pupils produce! Happy Writing!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Miss Pownall.

Best wishes,

Miss Pownall

KS2 Reading and Writing Leader; PSHCE Subject Champion.