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Centenary Poetry Competition

Introduction

Forest Prep is thrilled to announce its Centenary Poetry Competition, a special opportunity for pupils to showcase their creativity as part of our 100-year celebrations. This competition invites children to write a poem inspired by themes of *Forest, school life, or the incredible milestone of a century.*

Whether reflecting on cherished memories, our surroundings, or the legacy of Forest Prep, this is a chance to celebrate our past, present, and future through the power of words. Let your imagination take root and create a lasting tribute to our school's remarkable journey!

Categories

Early Years- Nursery, Kindergarten, Reception

Lower School- Years 1 and 2

Upper School - Years 3 and 4

Upper School Years 5 and 6

Heats and Finals

Class Heats will take place in the week commencing **Monday, 24th February 2025**. Children will recite their poems in class.

Two class winners will be entered into the live final where each poem will be recited in front of an audience and two guest judges. The final will be held in the school hall on **Thursday, 20th March 2025**.



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Early Years Guidelines

Here are some guidelines to help you with your entry for the Centenary Poetry Competition.

1. Work with your family to create an acrostic poem. Click [here](#) to watch a video on what an acrostic poem is.
2. Choose one of the words below, or your own related to School.
3. Each letter must be the start of a word linked to how your child feels about Forest. This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to new vocabulary.
4. Practise performing your poem at home and have fun with it!

forest

mildred slide play puddlesuits
chickens george paint mredwards
hundred tortoises
art stan centenary
learn phonics maggie
dog frank mrbooth
music fish school wellies
teachers fun maths sing breakfast
write monsters friends turtle draw
letters



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Year 1 and Year 2 Guidelines

Here are some guidelines to help you with your entry for the Centenary Poetry Competition.

1. Enjoy the time with your son or daughter to research ideas and vocabulary.
2. Focus on the centenary theme and celebrate our school.
3. Choose the style of poem. For example, acrostic, rhyme etc.
4. Your poem should fit onto an A4 piece of paper.
5. You don't need to learn the poem by heart but you need to read it out loud.
Think performance poetry!
6. Have fun!



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Upper School (Years 3-6) Guidelines

Here are some guidelines to help you with your entry for the Centenary Poetry Competition.

1. Write a poem on Forest, school life, the centenary, or a combination of them all.
2. It can rhyme but it doesn't have to!
3. Research the type of poem you want to write eg. an acrostic or a poem in verses.
4. No more than an A4 side with approximately 4 verses (if you chose verses).
5. You will be reading your poem out to the class.
6. Think about something that matters to you, remember the themes detailed above.
7. Consider how you are going to deliver your poem and capture your audience.
8. Enjoy the process, and look online to research styles of performance poetry e.g. Micheal Rosen.
9. Have fun!