

YOUNGER TEAM HOME LEARNING – MAY 2022

Dear Families,

In our English activities at the moment, we are exploring the genre of poetry and we have been learning 'Why are my tears so salty?' by Celia Warren. As part of this we would like the children to learn a favourite poem by heart which they can then recite, ideally from memory, within the team.

Things to help your child:

- Choose a poem together (any theme and type) that is the right length and complexity for your child- a little bit of a challenge is good! It should be a poem they enjoy too. This could be because it makes them laugh, has lots of interesting descriptive vocabulary or tells a great story.
- To be able to learn it by heart, it's important to have a good understanding of the poem's content. This will help with memorising it. Read it through several times and talk about it together. Perhaps draw pictures or write key words from the poem. They could also write out the poem as well as read it a few times over or act it out.
- Next they can start to learn the poem line by line, using rhyming clues, picture prompts and other patterns to help them. Perhaps you can recite a line then your child recites the following line and vice versa.
- When performing, try focusing on expression first, bringing the rhythm and/or rhyme patterns and words alive. Also, use punctuation or end of lines to pause and take a breath in the correct places. Then focus on looking at the audience, using appropriate volume and speed to be clear and using gestures where applicable.

We will be asking the children to perform their poem to their group during the week of 23rd May.

If you have any questions about the task, please see your child's main teacher(s).

Thank you

Younger Team