

**Notes from meeting with School Council (15/1/15)
on writing a poem/proposal for Waitrose
'Community Matters' bid**

We talked about Ars Poetica, when poets write a poem about a writing a poem. Ars Poetica can help to explain what a poem is and why it's important.

We need to convince Waitrose that having a poet at Highfield is a good cause for their 'Community Matters' campaign. We think we can communicate this best through poetry.

We asked ourselves the following questions:

What is a poem?

What does it/should it do?

In what ways has poetry been created at Highfield and how has it used for the good of the school and the community?

We talked about writing a poem that might paint a portrait of Poetry at Highfield and the Highfield Poet (Cheryl).

Poetry often uses metaphor so we thought of metaphors to help answer the question....

What is a Poem?

A poem is a lie that tells the truth

A poem is a bright light in the darkness

A poem is a dazzling library of stories

A poem is a sword, sharp and sly

A poem (removes) the blindfold so that we can see the world more clearly

A poem is your heart, counting the minutes to your death

A poem is a single star in the night sky

Making a poem is like having three wishes

A poem is a clever monkey maneuvering round a jungle to reach the best fruit on the highest tree

A poem is a magical tale that leaves you out of breath, but satisfied

A poem is a lost treasure drowned in tears

A poem is a strong fierce bear, beautiful but dangerous

A poem is a never ending story

A poem is a rainbow leading to treasure

A poem is a fire-breathing dragon

A poem is a magical myth you can believe in

A poem is a sweet melody that brings harmony

A poem is soft as feathers and sweet as a baby lion.

A poem is a memory,

a poem is remembering,

a poem is being remembered

and never forgotten.

For homework (in advance of next week Tuesday January 20th, 9:30-10:30) SC should be thinking of (poetic) answers to the following questions:

Why is having a poet in school important?

What can poetry do for the community.

How have we used poetry at Highfield (and in the community)?