## National Poetry Day Handwriting Competition.

Choose a poem about the weather to present in your very best handwriting. You can illustrate your poem if you wish, but it is your handwriting that is being judged in this competition! There are 5 poems to choose from. You can present your poem on lined paper or on plain paper.

Hand in your poems to your class teacher or to Mr Rotherham by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## Whether the weather

Whether the weather be fine, or whether the weather be not, Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, Whether we like it or not.

Who has seen the wind? By Christina Rossetti Who has seen the wind? Neither I nor you: But when the leaves hang trembling, The wind is passing through. Who has seen the wind? Neither you nor I: But when the trees bow down their heads, The wind is passing by.

> <u>Snowball by Shel Silverstein</u> I made myself a snowball as perfect as could be. I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me. I made it some pyjamas and a pillow for its head. Then, last night it ran away. But first ... it wet the bed.

Rain by Spike Milligan There are holes in the sky Where the rain gets in But they're ever so small That's why the rain is thin.



## Storm by David Windle

The whipping wind lashed the water Shredding the shiny surface of the lake; Rivers of rain ran down the windows Of the weather battered house And the linked trees lining the hilltop Leant like old men into the face of the storm. The day raged on, the hours passing one by one Like grey ghosts, inside the house we waited. Silence reigned while we watched the sky For a change of fortune, a glint of sun Cutting through the gathered grey Or a slackening of the gale. Daylight granulated into night; The line of trees like sentinels Kept watch across the empty dark As owls and stoats began their work And the stars burnt on invisibly. Inside, our bright hearts flickered.

Prize winners will win a brilliant book of poems for you to enjoy!!