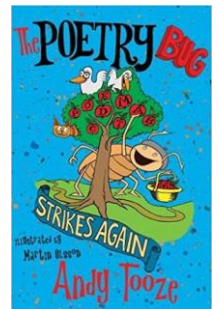


## National Poetry Day



To celebrate National Poetry Day, the successful poet Andy Tooze will be making a virtual visit to Glapton Academy on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The aim of this annual event is to encourage everyone to enjoy, discover and share poetry and we can't wait to welcome Andy back to Glapton. The children in Key Stage 2 had a fantastic time when he visited our school last year and many were inspired to write some amazing poetry of their own.

During his virtual visit, Andy will be reciting poems from his new book, 'Green Shoots Rising' and encouraging the children to join in by repeating lines and phrases and learning actions to go with his poetry.



Research has shown that rhyme and rhythm play a very important part in the acquisition and development of language skills. If children know eight nursery rhymes by the time they're four years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they're eight. Rhyming helps children to break words down and to hear the sounds that make up words in preparation for reading and writing. Because of this, we are working as a school to expose children from Nursery through to Year 6 to a wide variety of nursery rhymes and poems. Every half term, children are being sent poems and rhymes to learn off by heart at home which we will practise and perform in class. We hope that you will support your children to do this.

