

# Able Writers' Workshop

On **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019** some of our gifted writers from Years 5 and 6 became poets for the day at a recent Able Writers' Workshop. They were given the opportunity to work with the highly accomplished, Debra Bertulis. Debra is a published children's poet and qualified peripatetic speech and drama teacher, specialising in teaching poetry, performance and recitation skills.

The day focused on poetry and performance poetry. The children learnt all about rhyme, rhythm and punctuation, and also discussed literary terms such as personification and alliteration. The day was lots of fun as well as very educational and the children looked at the importance of having fun with words and poetry. The children were given the opportunity to write freely using their own imaginations as far as possible.

During the day the children composed their own poems, edited and redrafted them and then shared them out loud with the group. Their outstanding work was really taken from the page to the stage!

