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To: Head Teachers, Year 1 Teachers, Library Co-ordinators, and Library Staff.

Dear Colleague

HAMPSHIRE PICTURE BOOK AWARD 2020

You are invited to take part in the Hampshire Picture Book Award, which is now in its tenth year. The award is designed to allow pupils of all abilities access to access inspirational and imaginatively illustrated books and to decide the winner themselves.

Your pupils' involvement in selecting Hampshire's award winner will provide them with a unique opportunity to be involved in a major county literary event. It will also give them a real chance to enthuse about reading for pleasure.

This award is for Year 1 pupils.

Every Year 1 participant will vote for their favourite book and these votes will determine the final winner of the Hampshire Picture Book Award for 2020. Although other pupils in school can be involved and enjoy taking part, it is only the votes from Year 1 pupils that can be put forward for the award.

Those pupils participating will:

- Read, share and evaluate four books in the Spring Term.
- Be involved in focussed class discussions.
- Take part in exciting linked cross-curriculum activities
- Receive a colourful bookmark showing all the shortlisted titles.
- Receive a certificate celebrating their individual contribution to the 2020 award.
- Decide the winner by voting for their favourite book.

Participating Schools can expect:

- All documentation and correspondence to be sent electronically.
- Easy-to-follow criteria, to encourage pupils to evaluate and explore books.
- To receive a school certificate recognising the school's participation in the 2020 award.
- Synopsis of each book and a biography of each author/illustrator included in the documentation.
- Suggestions for further activities linked to the wider curriculum.

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To take part in this exciting award, schools will be asked to contribute a fee of £85 to include **two** new sets of the four shortlisted titles. **These books, which will arrive jacketed, will be for the school to keep.**

Additional sets of the books can also be ordered at a discount price.

(Past experience has shown that large schools require at least 2 sets of the books to give everyone an opportunity to share the titles.

For schools with fifteen pupils or less in Year 1 we offer a small school subscriber rate of £50. You will receive one set of the shortlisted books instead of two. To apply for a small school subscriber form please email sls.events@hants.gov.uk

If you wish to register your school, please complete the registration form and return it by email to the School Library Service.

The closing date for registrations is Friday 18th October 2019.

If you would like more information about the event or have any queries about its organisation, please don't hesitate to contact your Lead Adviser or email: sls.events@hants.gov.uk

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Yours faithfully,
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