

## **Week 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October: The Wonder of Words (Communication)**

This is Libraries Week at Slough & Eton and last week marked National Poetry Day. It's a mystery how words communicate at all (just try explaining it). Finding pleasure in reading, writing, listening and speaking is a path to knowing life in its fullness. All our spiritual traditions revere the written word by which we come to a sense of the sacred.

### ***Wisdom from Spiritual Traditions***

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!' (Psalm 119:103)

The Most Merciful taught the Qur'an, created man, [and] taught him eloquence.  
(ar-Rahman Q 55:1-4)

One who practises truth, righteous living and good deeds has the supplies for God's path. (Guru Arjan Dev Ji)

*Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10*

### ***Reflection***

God of truth,  
by the word of your mouth  
were all things made;  
we thank you that with words  
we can name and make sense of our world.  
Teach us to delight in the wonder of language  
and to craft words that are truthful, wise and life-giving  
that together we may know life in its fullness. Amen.

<b>The Wonder of Words: 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	To experience sublime natural beauty is to confront the total inadequacy of language to describe what you see. Words cannot convey the scale of a view that is so stunning it is felt. -- Eleanor Catton
<b>Tuesday</b>	The fewer the words, the better the prayer. -- Martin Luther
<b>Wednesday</b>	Poetry and lyrics are very similar. Making words bounce off a page. -- Taylor Swift
<b>Thursday</b>	Literature is the art of discovering something extraordinary about ordinary people, and saying with ordinary words something extraordinary. -- Boris Pasternak
<b>Friday</b>	Poetry is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn. -- Thomas Gray