



HOW TO WRITE A BESTSELLER!

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This week's Super Curriculum theme is an encouragement for you to use your voices. Everyone has a voice in them but when they try to write it can get really, really complicated to say what you want to say.

With some help from some top tips and some expert instructions, we should get you going...

There are a million different resources out there to help you get started. We like this one...

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/articles/2017/how-to-write-childrens-picture-book/>

THE RULE OF ONE?

Short stories are short and sweet. The more you include, the messier they get.

Stick to the rule of one:

- One main character - place most of the focus on them.
- One setting/scene – jumping around is tough to write well
- One major conflict/problem to solve
- One theme/message

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED? BY ENDING.

Plenty of writers start a great story, not all can finish it.

Plotting your story, especially how it ends, is one of the most important parts of writing.

DON'T START UNTIL YOU KNOW THE ENDING!

There are plenty of online resources to help you plot out a story. Here's a few on us:

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/story-30008.html>

<https://www.plot-generator.org.uk/story/>

WHAT STORIES DID YOU LIKE WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER?

TASK

- Make a list of the stories that you really liked when you were younger. What about 'The Gruffalo' (one of my favourites) or stories about Mog the cat?
- Why do you think you liked these stories so much?
- Are there elements of these stories that you would like to use in your own story?
- What is anthropomorphism? Could this concept be of any use to you?

COMPETITION TIME!

Prize available for 1st place!

Honourable mentions for 2nd and 3rd place

WRITE A BESTSELLING KIDS' BOOK

I would like to see if we have any budding children's book writers.

Please create your own children's story book!

You could include some of the following and/or your own, individual ideas:

- A story with a moral purpose or positive message for young children
- A fun, lively and imaginative main character
- A magical setting/world/situation the character is in.
- Make it bouncy, make it sound good, make it rhyme!
- Imaginative images to capture the imagination.
- One character, one setting, one conflict, one message

THE KIDS' BOOK OF THE CENTURY

Use your newly acquired knowledge to create a children's story book.

Submit your story to the following email address by the closing date

Email: Competitions@gordons.school

When you email, please use the subject heading 'KS3 Week 5 – Writing a bestselling Children's Book'

Closing date: **9am 12^h March 2021.**

Winners will be announced via weekly Schoolcomms

