

EDITION 12: AUTUMN 2023

## Inspired to Write @ BERRY HILL



A celebration of writing

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Welcome to the autumn edition of Inspired to Write, which is packed with fantastic examples of children's writing from across school. You will see a variety of new books and carefully chosen stimuli that have spurred our children on to create excellent pieces of writing – from traditional tales with a twist to a memorable train ride. There are stories of love-struck umbrellas, adventures with a paper plane, and even poetic desires to be in charge of a Lamborghini!

As always, thank you to the children for their excellent writing and thank you to their teachers for selecting these superb examples to share with you. I hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as I have enjoyed editing it!

Mrs Stirling-Wood

### A celebration of writing

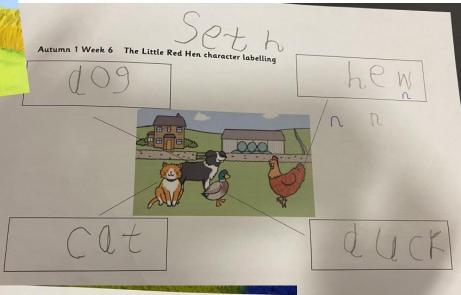


FIRST FAVOURITE TALES

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In F2 this half term we have loved reading the story The Little Red Hen. The children have enjoyed labelling the characters from the story.

Seth used his segmenting fingers to label the characters in the story.





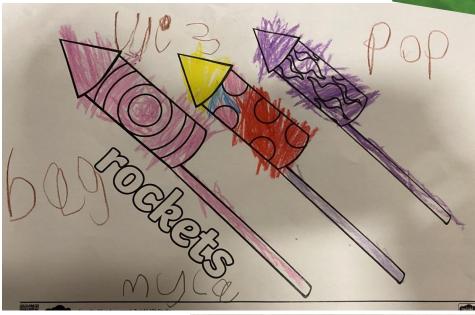
Florence independently wrote about the cat from the story.



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The children have enjoyed learning all about fireworks and how to stay safe on Bonfire night.



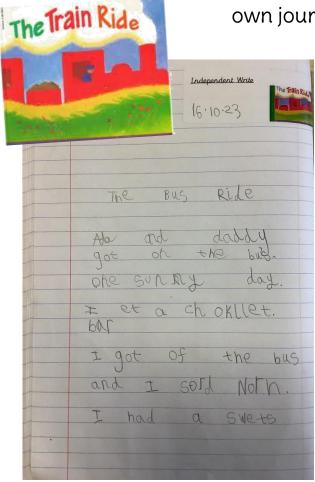
Myla and
Isabella
thought about
the sounds
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This term year 1 have been on a train ride with Jane Crebbin and written their own journey stories.



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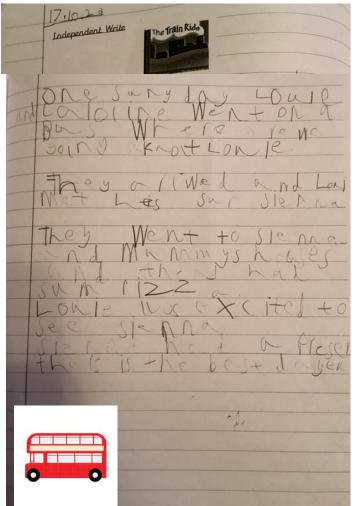
Ada wrote a super story about a bus ride. She used capitals to start her sentences and for the pronoun I. She used the conjunction 'and' to extend her sentence and used full stops at the end of sentences.

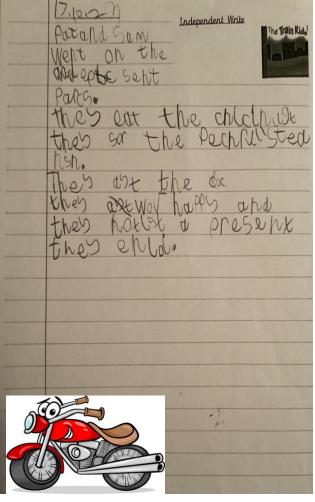
Harry wrote his journey story about a boat ride. He used capitals to start his sentences and for his name. He ended all his sentences with full stops and shows good use of his phonics to spell words.



#### The Train Ride Stories







Sienna wrote a lovely story about a journey on a bus. Sienna used a great story opener followed by sentences which used capital letters and full stops. Sienna included a question and the conjunction 'and' to extend her sentences.

Bo wrote a story about a journey to Center Parcs. He used the past tense throughout his story and had clear sentence ideas. Bo included the conjunction 'and' to extend his sentence ideas too.



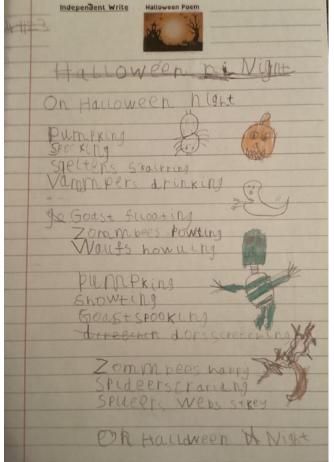


#### Halloween Poetry

Enda in 1SH wrote a fantastic poem of four stanzas with three lines in each. She used some fabulous word choices to describe the movements and sounds of some Halloween characters.

Caleb in 1JM/NK wrote a super poem following the poetry structure. He thought of all of his own ideas, spellings and used fantastic word choices to describe what Halloween Night might be like.







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# 2HK

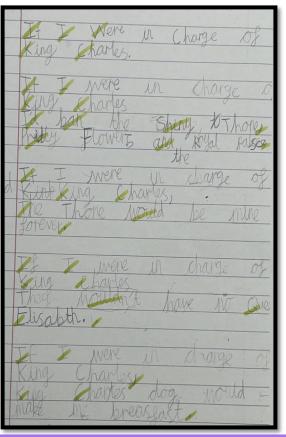
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Last term, the Year 2 children explored the poem' If I Were in Charge of the World' by Judith Voirst. As a class, we worked collaboratively to construct our own version called 'If I Were in Charge of the School'. This promoted ideas of leadership, values and ambitious ideas. For example, some pupils suggested no more wet breaks or broken pencils and to have OPAL play all day!

This term, the children have been reading 'Little Red Reading Hood' by Lucy Rowland as part of their narrative text. This book takes a fun twist on the traditional tale and brings a love of reading to the classroom. Even Red herself is always reading in the most unusual places. As part of our experience day, we took photographs across the

school where we read!

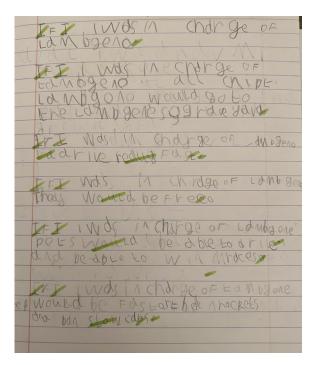


Jack demonstrates the elements of a poem that we have learnt by including stanzas, repeated refrain 'If I were in charge of...' and the personal pronoun 'I'.



His own version 'If I Were in Charge of King Charles' highlights his exceptional imaginative skills, particularly in 'The throne would be mine forever...'. Jack continues to show dedication to his work through neat presentation. Good work!





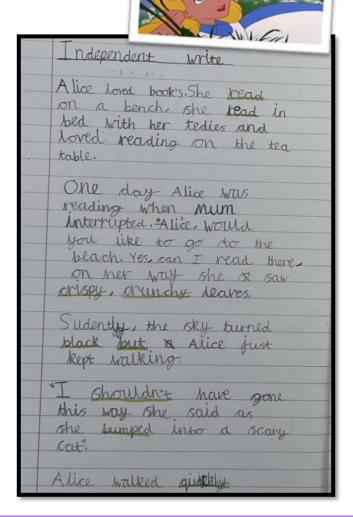
Freddie S has shown a clear understanding through his version 'If I Were in Charge of Lamborghini'.

This piece of work includes the use of repeated refrain, evict words including 'ban'.

Freddie has independently using the simile 'Lamborghinis would be faster than rockets' in his writing. It is clear that he has a real interest in luxurious sports cars. Keep it up!



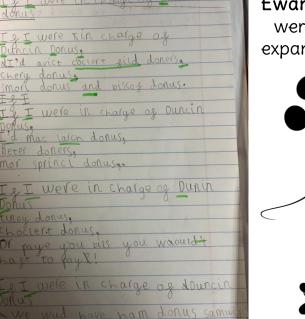
Florence has confidently shown a creative flare in her narrative piece of work, with Alice as her leading character. Florence has included variety of expanded noun phrases including 'crispy, crunchy leaves'. It felt like we were taking each footstep alongside Alice, as she navigated her way to the beach! What an interesting plot twist, Florence!



This term, class 2MM have been inspired to write by a poem called 'If I were in charge of the school' The children learned about stanzas and repeated refrains

during this writing unit.

Ewan was inspired to write a poem called 'If I were in charge of Disneyland'. He included expanded noun phrases and used commas at the end of each line.



**Annabelle** was inspired to write a poem called 'If I were in charge of Dunkin Doughnuts'. She was able to use expanded noun phrases to describe as well as remembering to use apostrophes for contraction.

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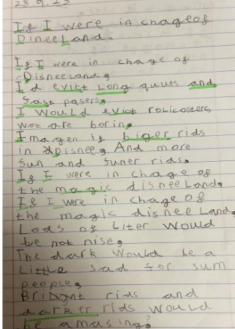
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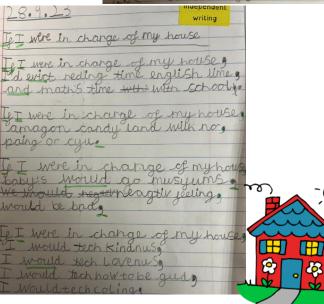
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Nicole wrote a poem called 'If I were in charge of my house', She remembered to use neat, joined handwriting and included commas to mark the end of each line.



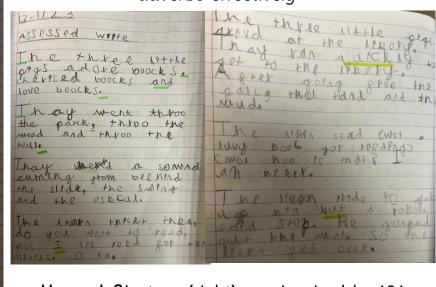




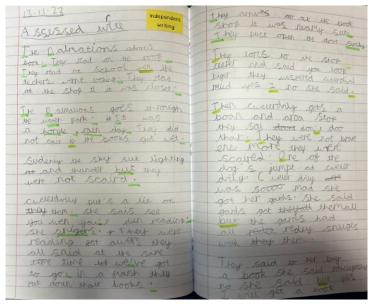


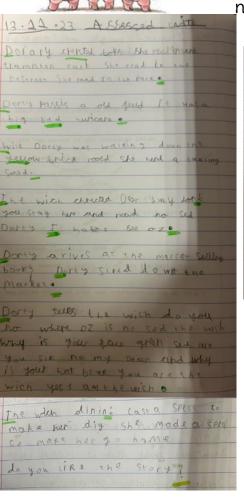
The children have also been inspired to write by the narrative 'Little Red Reading Hood' and enjoyed thinking about ways to write their own traditional tale, with a twist.

Austin was inspired to write The Three Little Pigs narrative with a twist. He used commas in a list and adverbs effectively



Hannah S's story (right) was inspired by 101 Dalmatians. She used some fantastic vocabulary in her work.





Hanna R's story (above) included the character Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. She used expanded noun phrases and included a question at the end to engage the reader.



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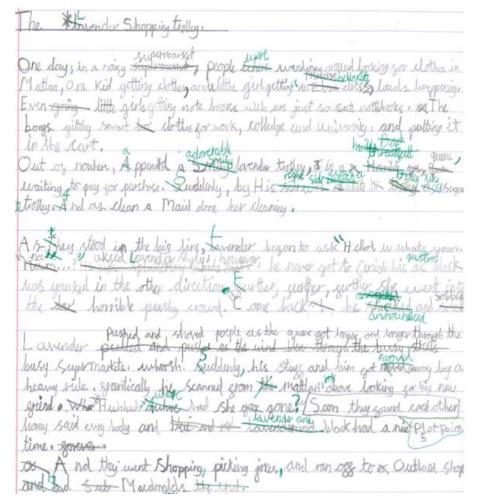
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We focused on building setting descriptions and characters through paragraphs rich with similes and powerful adjectives.

Using speech, we moved the story along and imagined what the characters might say to each other.

This fantastic example is from **Saliha**.





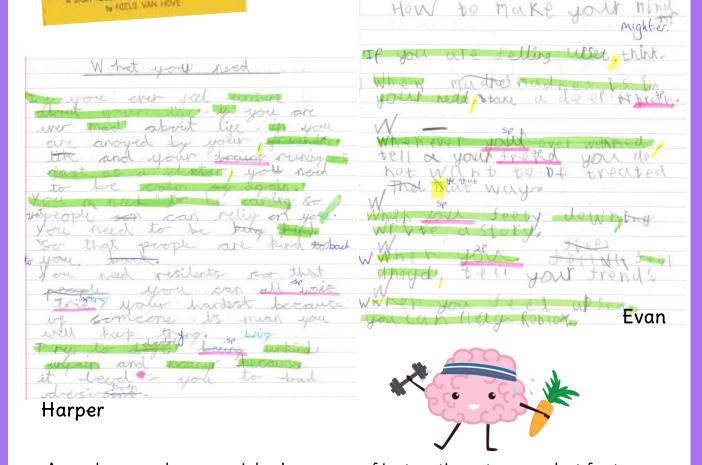






This half term, we have been working on building a strong mind. As a hook, we have shared the book 'My Strong Mind' by Niels van Hove.

We have worked together to create a guide on what you can do to help strengthen your own mind and what to look for in others who might need a hand making their minds mightier.



As a class, we have unpicked a range of instructions to see what features need to be included in our writing. Rhetorical questions have been used to hook and engage the reader. A variety of sentence openers have enabled us to create complex sentences and develop our writing skills.



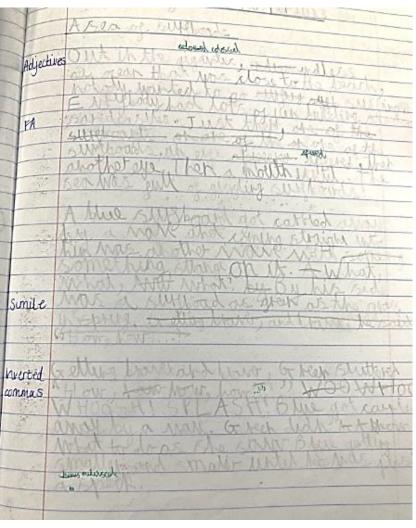
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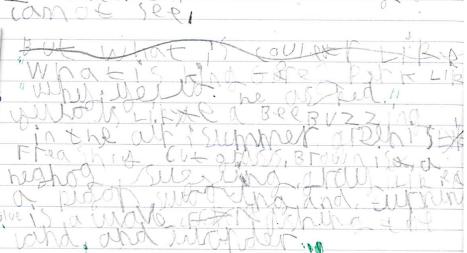
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Abigail has used a range of structures in her writing, and you can see she's worked hard on building her character.







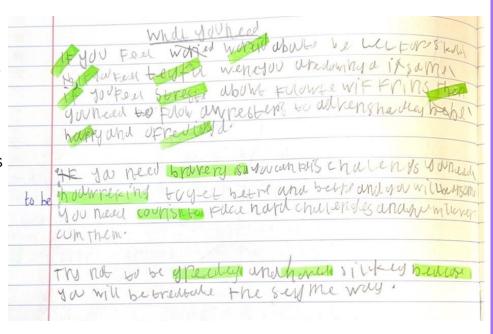


At the start of this half term, we looked at a poem called 'I Asked The Little Boy Who Cannot See'. The boy in the poem is blind and can only describe colours through what they feel like, taste like, sound like and smell like.

Freddie has used similes and metaphors to write his own poem where he described his favourite place in nature to a friend who could not see.

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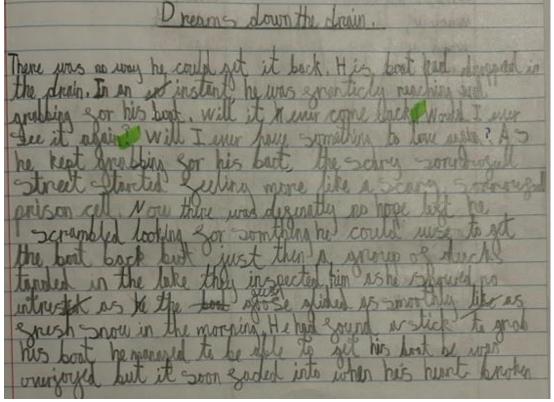
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This term the children have enjoyed using the picture book Float to inspire their own writing. We have focused on a range of grammatical features as well as using the images in the book to infer the feelings of the character.

Jack and Sofiya have included some ambitious vocabulary within their sentences to bring their stories to life!

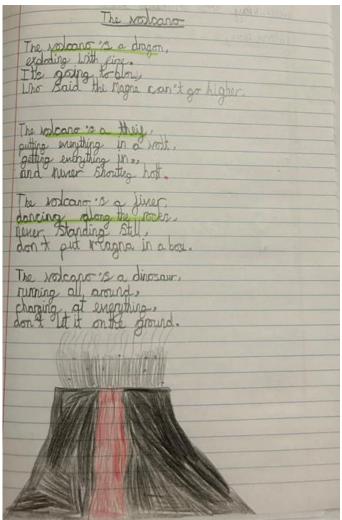
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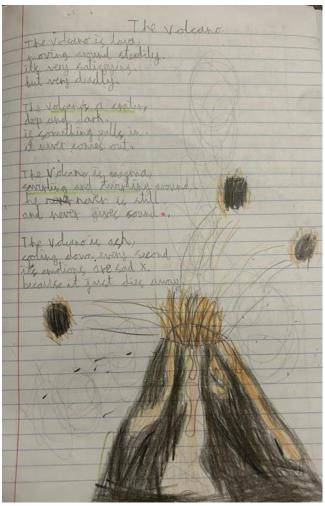




During the Autumn term the children enjoyed exploring a range of different texts. As well as non-fiction texts, we explored the different features of poetry.

The children enjoyed learning and writing different poems. It was brilliant to hear the children perform poetry.





**Grace** and **Nathan** wrote some fantastic poems about volcanoes inspired by poems based on 'The River' by Valerie Bloom.





4LD have taken their inspiration to write from a picture book, Float. This book is about a little boy who takes a boat made of newspaper out for a rainy-day adventure.

Our class have looked at many writing features this term and practised using them before writing our own story about a paper aeroplane. Prepare to be impressed!



Elying away

Fold by gold. Flip by glip. Bend by bend.

The boy of had an amazing paper plane.

It was percent because it reminded him of a plane that he glew on when he was

Josh worked hard to use the power of three in the opening to his story. He also decided to use alliteration to make his plane sound more interesting.

**Dylan** worked hard on his story, using a simile to compare his plane to a F1 car. Sudderly, the plane glew jaster and faster until it was as fast as a faurmuilia one car.

In a blink of on eye, the plane charled and it went down, down, down. The Boy was heatbloker so he picked it up and headed home.

When he was walking home he long his Dad. "Dad my plane crashed," mummurled the Boy. So the Boy had a dreadgulf walk home.



This is **Poppy's** second paragraph. She is extremely proud of her story, and so she should be, using a time adverbial and a rhetorical question brilliantly.

The girl put her paper plane on her bed and went to get dressed. Next, she put her new trainers on and went outside she looked up at the sty and start it was gloomy and dark. The girl thought, will the sun come out?

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He started to charge into his clother. After, he put his min cost on. Which came with a yellow hat. He raced outside onto the porch.

He stumbled down the port, because he was so beted of being inside. He started to charge down to the dopy sene to play so the said, "Fry gly, awaymy plane," and tossed it into the sky.

S nish sporsh goes the aipplant as it disappored into the bright blue sky above him. He noticed as it glew away.

That same agterners, he searched and searched through all of town gor his plane.

Will be ever come back to me? He was so heart - broken and sad.

He could the whole way home but when he was at home his dod made some hot-haddle got him with a come, blanket that he wapped around the boy.

He was warm and snug in his massive chair . I to was heart-



Finally, a piece from **Lily**.

She managed to include many of the writing features we had been practising in our writing lessons including speech, a rhetorical question and time adverbials.



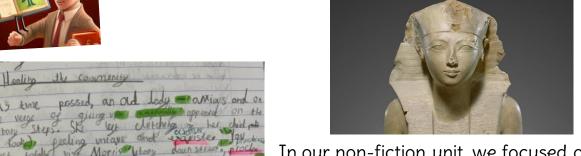




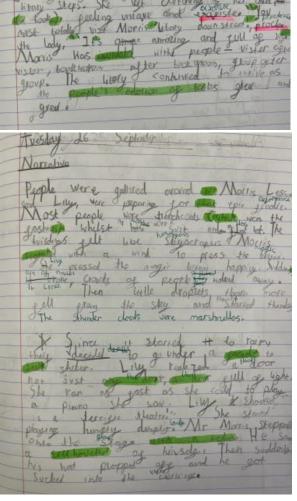
Year 5 have been using 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris' as their inspiration for writing. We have been writing a first-person narrative.

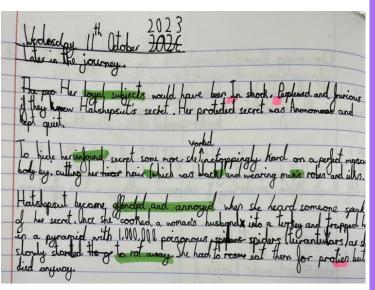
**Bear** (left) has focused on using a variety of punctuation with careful consideration of her excellent vocabulary. The setting description at the beginning of the story is also brilliant.





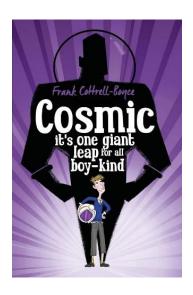
In our non-fiction unit, we focused on the life of Hatshepsut – a fierce female pharaoh. In our independent write, we created our own ruthless rulers. Erin (below)has organised her paragraphs by using suitable subheadings. She has used a range of sentence lengths to allow her writing to flow.







In our most recent piece, we have used the book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce to inspire our writing. This text finds Liam, a twelve-year-old boy somehow driving a car that turns into a rocket.



In Noah's independent write, he has a clear emphasis on using dialogue to advance the story, with carefully chosen speech to make the interaction as realistic as possible. We have been focusing on how we can show character emotion by exploring actions.

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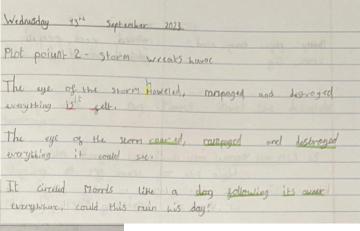






Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the story of 'The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris' and were inspired to write a fiction piece about overcoming adversity and becoming successful.

I really love **Sadie's**description of the storm in
this piece and how it may
impact Morris.



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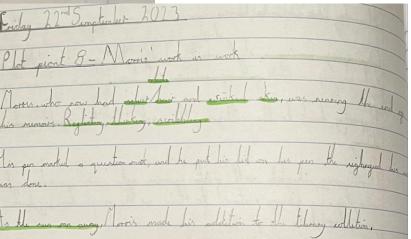
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I really enjoyed reading the descriptive language and Morris' inner thoughts in this piece by **Jack**.

Oliver has thought carefully about the character Morris and has though about how his work may end.





Children in 5MT have enjoyed learning about pharaohs, in order for them to write a biography about their own

who was as mean as miss Trunchfull.

Jill years ago, in 3022 to her cousin died and she ruled instead. When she was 12, she was cruel and sometimes she got as mad at a raging thino. pharoah had a mad marrage with a cruel coward her aga). People since had been glquestioning this gact: some historians believe she didn't want to be queen so her dad could become king some archeologists think she did it so she dight marry anyone else. The revolting ruler's reign got won Not long after, her brother an ear mystery occurred someone discuise theirself and stole the throne. They and a black shirt and green trous Still, Ginopepped ruled and her reigh of terror continued. The dictated Give me back my throne dictates Ginopeppa a sew days later to her and Emporer (laudius suriped it leach Did people like her? Was she really despised? The merciless monarch went on a vile woyage to an island. There were traps on the way to rare riches tremendous treasure. A canonball was sprinting at her like as raging thing. The dodged and robbed the jewels. The returned to E gypt but only gave rich people the yewels! How mean! Her revolting reign speculiarly went to a halt as she was in by her own son! Egypt was out of their misery when her haved the riches with everyone from Egyptians. Most sacts have been uncovered, but quite a sew secrets are still concealed.

The children learnt the structure of a biography whilst learning about Hatshepsut; a famous pharaoh and included devices learnt during lessons including, time adverbials, alliteration and rhetorical questions.



IndieE

**Zack** has used parenthesis in his writing to include additional information.

We were certainly inspired by the text 'Cosmic one giant leap for boy-kind' by Frank Cotterill Boyce and children loved the opportunity to predict what

may happen next.

Jannie not only wrote a wonderful story but also shared it with the rest of the class to inspire them.



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**Marissa** has used descriptive vocabulary to really engage the reader and has included many of the features discussed in her final piece.





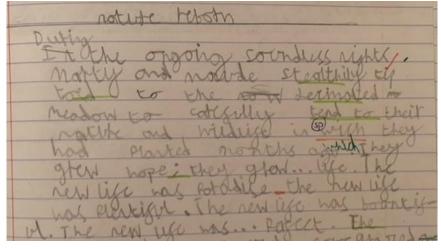
# HELEN HARD & MARC CHASTE

**Devon** sets a beautiful picture of how Marty gains inspiration which forms a seed of hope.

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This term, 6AA have been inspired by 'Varmints' which has captured the children's imagination. They have been able to create many compelling pieces of work and it is our pleasure to have the opportunity to share them with you!

Charlie has managed to weave a positive feeling in his writing with some ambitious vocabulary. Furthermore, there is repetition for effect giving his piece of work more impact.



Even though the world seemed to be over, Marty had other total ideas. He had a supersizely imper impressive idea; he graphed the worn pen out of his wooden cuboard and noted down his interes. thoughts. Marty swigtly moved across the clear white page that by ingront of him. He dotted. He placed. He glisted. Marty's mind was julted glowed. He glisted thoughts and ideas! While with unbelievable thoughts and ideas! While



## GAA

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Poppy has continued the story by describing the colours and the plant life that could possibly be present.

Now the bed metadow was bursting with with life, overflowering with any possibility and full with & countless numbers of plants. Marty gazed at the eye catching view before him. Flowers blosomed, their pinks and purples were blosomed, their pinks and purples were easily spotted amongst the lush grass.

Towards the end, there is further description focusing on the different senses.

Imagine a place were a gentle breeze pus passing passed prosses you, carrying the smell of ripe fruit. The sente scent of hour honey lingers in the air. The The fragrance of grass after a rainy day. A place where saidness disappears to and all you can feel is the grows tireteeling your legs.



Personification was added by **Ella** for the wind, increasing the overall quality of the piece.

The right, we white Marty was at & asleep, a subisping wind snuck snuck through the a wind window and wedged it open. It daned around the mini tree and lifted a few few bucky, wique seeds and guided them out the window, unbeknown to Marty who was fast asleep...



Year 6 started the year with a scary story about a girl who discovered an abandoned house and followed a strange girl into it. We focused on building tension and making the reader want to read on.

Phoebe has crafted some beautifully spooky sentences in her writing. She uses personification effectively to bring life to the door and make it feel as if the house itself is trying to keep Ella out. Her use of fronted adverbials build tension too as they keep the reader waiting.

Mith all her might, Eller pushed hard against the door, which was at heavy as boulder, with determination in her eyes. She wouldn't give up. She couldn't give up. She couldn't give up. Then, finally the door granted her access access. It waited and shruked in protest as it smacked against the floor. For the second time, her way was blocked. Barbed wire reached out throught the dead, twisted grass that had a overgrown for years along the path waiting to grab its next victim. Believing

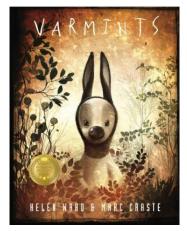
Finleigh's writing about Ella trying to follow the mysterious girl draws the reader in. He has used vague language like 'sometimes' to leave the reader wondering, and his repetition and specific verbs help to create tension.

Pushing with all the streets Strength in her body, Ella pressed her back agents of the Stubbin door. She was tord, really tired but She Jough agents it and pushed through and eventually. She did it! But Somthing blocked her path, again! It was barbed wiref this time. Ella took a deep breath and prepared for a world of pain. Ella Shuffled and Squimed through the spike - covered barbed wirer (tring not to squeen) that diged into her feltsh. Ella looked up,

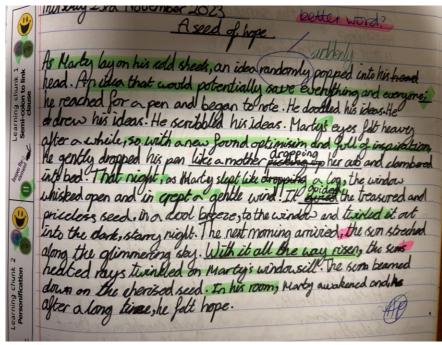


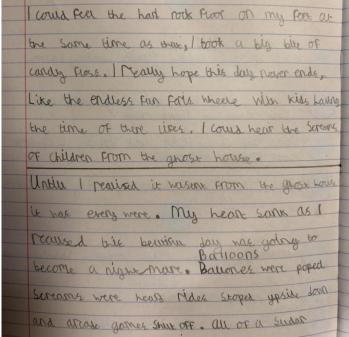


The Varmints video clip inspired our writing in the middle of the autumn term. We wrote about a beautiful world turning dark and chaotic, and one brave soul believing in his idea enough to change the world – for the better.



Freya has created a sense of optimism in this piece, with her pacy sentences. I love how she's made the wind into a key player in this story as it carries away the precious seed.





This is an extract from Joshua's setting description, where he describes a perfect day in a perfect place... and then something happens to make it a day from a nightmare. I love how he transitions from the positive to the negative – it's so clever! His use of language relating to sound helps the reader to imagine they are in this scene with him.





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...and we hope you enjoyed seeing the children's hard work!

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