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## **Key Stage 1 and 2 - Remote Learning: opportunities for extended writing**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know from previous letters, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) are a significant focus for all children's learning in KS1 and KS2. We know many children are held back from achieving their age related expectations (the standard expected for their year group) due to one or two areas of SPaG. During this period of remote learning, we have continued the focus on SPaG through spelling and key skills sessions and thank you for your support.

Writing should also be a creative and enjoyable process with opportunities for children to extend their vocabulary and immerse themselves in their imagination. Starting next week, we will be adapting our provision to add in daily writing sessions. These sessions will build core creative writing skills alongside SPaG and allow children opportunities for extended writing. We will be using the Oak Academy videos. The major benefit of pre-recorded sessions is that the children can re-watch again and again until they have secured the learning and you have the flexibility to time the session with what works for you and your child.

The theme of your child's writing will be as follows,

Year 1 – Magic Paintbrush

Year 2 – Honey and Trouble

Year 3 – Aladdin

Year 4 – The Borrowers by Mary Norton

Year 5 – Macbeth

Year 6 – The Rabbit Proof Fence

Many of the sessions will focus on film adaptations of texts. We do not expect families to buy books but it will make a positive impact if children can both read and have the texts read to them. Most books can be purchased cheaply including good quality second hand texts. You could download an audible version.

To support the children's extended writing, it is key (unless directed otherwise by your child's class teacher) that they write on paper. They must continue to keep their hand muscles strong and build up stamina for writing. To support this learning, every child will need an exercise book, notebook, pad of paper or similar to store their learning. They should also write in pencil in KS1 and Yr3 and use a handwriting pen in Yr4 – Yr6. Please avoid biro. Below are links to resources if you wish to purchase. If you are struggling for resources, please let us know and we will support. Children will be expected to bring this learning to school when they return.

KS1 – [https://www.amazon.co.uk/School-Exercise-Books-Younger-Children/dp/B07TXQFG7Z/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?dchild=1&keywords=exercise+book+lined+A4+blue+wide+line&qid=1611080156&sr=8-4](https://www.amazon.co.uk/School-Exercise-Books-Younger-Children/dp/B07TXQFG7Z/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=exercise+book+lined+A4+blue+wide+line&qid=1611080156&sr=8-4)

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KS2 – You may want to buy with a friend and share pens.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/RHINO-Exercise-Book-Page-cover/dp/B00IMJ6G7W/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=exercise+book+lined+A4+blue&qid=1611080114&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/RHINO-Exercise-Book-Page-cover/dp/B00IMJ6G7W/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=exercise+book+lined+A4+blue&qid=1611080114&sr=8-2)

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Swash-Komfigrip-Handwriting-Pen-Blue/dp/B01M6ZQ63Z/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=Handwriting+Pens+swash+blue&qid=1611080028&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUE2UillQjg1NUdJUkpmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTAWMTc3OTdLTk9MNURUWjc2Q1UmZW5jcnlwdGVkQWRJZD1BMDUwOTMwNjE3WEFJS1Q0TjFHnjAmd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNsaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3RMb2dDbGljaz10cnVl](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Swash-Komfigrip-Handwriting-Pen-Blue/dp/B01M6ZQ63Z/ref=sr_1_1_sspa?dchild=1&keywords=Handwriting+Pens+swash+blue&qid=1611080028&sr=8-1-spons&psc=1&spLa=ZW5jcnlwdGVkUXVhbGlmaWVyPUE2UillQjg1NUdJUkpmZW5jcnlwdGVkSWQ9QTAWMTc3OTdLTk9MNURUWjc2Q1UmZW5jcnlwdGVkQWRJZD1BMDUwOTMwNjE3WEFJS1Q0TjFHnjAmd2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9hdGYmYWNoaW9uPWNsaWNrUmVkaXJlY3QmZG9Ob3RMb2dDbGljaz10cnVl)

Children should start a new page for each day of learning and begin by writing the long date (they know what this means!) at the top of the page.

If you wish to support your child's writing further, here are some other tips that really help:

\*Ask them to keep a diary and write an entry every day or two. Focus on development of language and emotions.

\*Read a passage of a story to them and ask them to write it down (dictation) and then ask them to check the SPaG against the original. You might even find your child can point out punctuation errors made by the author!

\*Enter the Chorleywood Book Shop writing competition – see flyer for full details.

We are excited to add a new element of writing to our remote provision.

Thank you for your support and please keep sending photos of learning in to school via email or through the school Twitter feed.

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