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The 'Big Write'

Autumn Term I, 2017



Tips for the Big Write . . .

The philosophy of the 'Big Write' is based upon the premise that the 'Big talk', discussion, research, consideration, reflection, discovery of facts, pondering of ideas, forming of opinions, challenging arguments are essential building blocks in the writing process.

The slides for each week's 'Big Write' are shared to stimulate conversation and discussion - even silly and fun conversation and discussion! This will stimulate thought which in turn, will enable each child's own distinctive 'writer's voice' develop and come through in their work.

In the 'Big Write' pupils write at length for up to one hour. There are no rights or wrongs. The child's choice of words, sentences, styles, and facts are read, feedback is given to them on their choices, and gradually the child's voice and style develops over many years.

Some challenges are provided, but these are entirely optional. Small steps first!

All we ask is that you focus as much as possible on discussing and exploring the topic or ideas with your child.



Friday 8th September 2017

Big Write: Are school summer holidays important?

Possible genres:

Magazine article

Report

Argument

Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Links to health and wellbeing

The right to rest

The school year is too long or too short already

You could try to use: powerful adjectives





Friday 15th September 2017

Imagine you find this dragon skull on a beach. How did it get there and what is it all about?

Possible genre:

Adventure story

Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Links to mythology and legends

You could try to use: exciting descriptions



Friday 22nd September 2017

You are the giraffe. What has scared you so much you need to climb this tree?

Possible genres:

Diary entry

Story

Poem

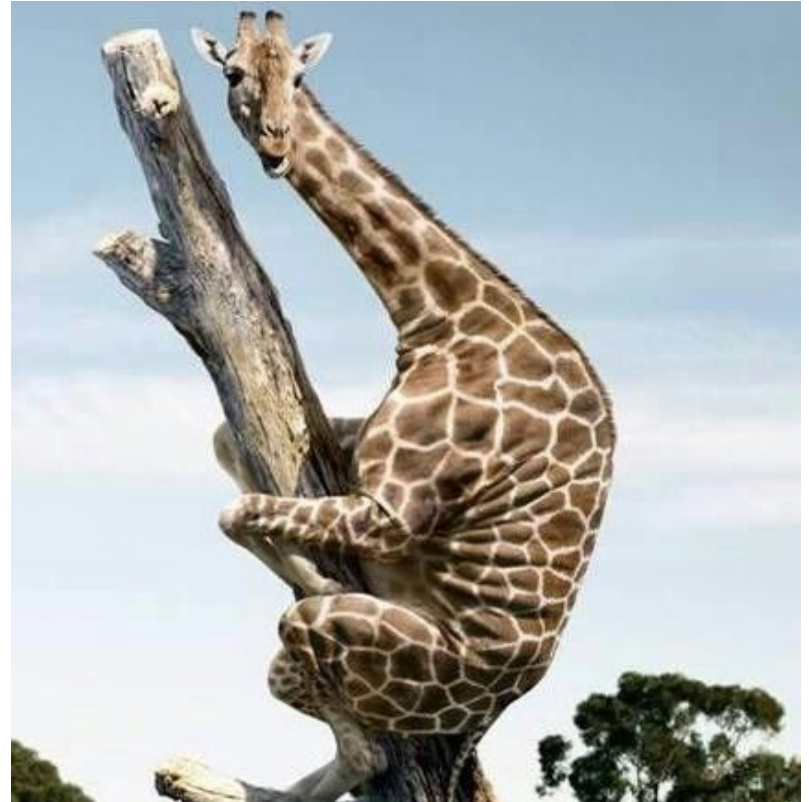
Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Links on how to overcome your fears

Resilience

Endurance

You could try to use: powerful verbs



Wiki safe search - [giraffes](#)

Friday 29th September 2017



**This eye appears in a tree.
What happens next?**

Possible genre:

Adventure story

Diary entry

Recount

Newspaper article

Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Rules of nature

Unexplained phenomena

You could try to use: a sense of suspense in your writing



Safesearch - facts about: [grass snakes](#)



Friday 6th October 2017

**You are a leaf and Autumn has started.
Explain how you feel about this.**

Possible genres:

Poem

Story

Letter

Diary entry

Reflection

Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Resilience

Life cycles

Links to change

You could try to use: alliteration or rhyming words



Safesearch - [autumn facts](#)



Friday 13th October 2017

**If you could meet any three famous people.
Who would they be and why?**

Possible genres:

Report

Letter

Diary entry

Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Roles and responsibilities of being famous

How would being famous change your life?

Is fame always a good thing?

You could try to use: a wide range of conjunctions



Safesearch - [celebrity facts](#)



Friday 20th October 2017

Nelson Mandela said,
*“Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world.”*

What do you think?

Possible genres:

Speech

Article

Challenging ideas you may wish to explore:

Black History Month

Human Rights

Equality and Diversity

Imprisonment



Safesearch - [Nelson Mandela](#)