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Story Writing
2025

Tuesday 18th March 2025 9.30am

Closing date for stories- **Friday 28th Feb**

This is a chance for you to let your imagination run away with you and write for fun at home. If you are not able to do this at home, you will be given plenty of time in school to finish your story.

Categories for prizes

Year group prizes in each of the following categories-

- 1.The best original, imaginative stories,
- 2.Stories with the theme 'no outsiders',
- 3.Stories about being the 'best you can be'.

Please write at the top of your work which category inspired you.

Here are some ideas to help you start your story.

Stories have: -

- Characters
- A setting
- A great opening
- An issue or a problem
- An ending or resolution

To help you write your story, try these activities.

1 List some characters.

Think of what they look like and how they act.

These are some examples: -

- A lonely 7-year-old boy who lives with his uncle,
- n mountaineer who loves to go on long adventures with her dog,
- A grumpy old doctor who occasionally disappears...
- A rich footballer who likes to drive her sports car.

2 List some settings.

Let your imagination go wild! Where was your story set?

Here are some examples: -

- The moon
- Under the sea
- Victorian London
- A book shop

3 A great opening.

Choose a character and a setting and think of a fantastic sentence to start your story.

Try five different ones.

These are my ideas: -

- Janice turned slowly round at the sound of a voice she recognised. Could it be him after all these years?
- Peeping through the gap in the hedge in his garden, Joey could just make out the figure of a shabbily dressed person opening the shed door.

You could have a go at starting your story now. If you don't like it or cannot think of what to write next, start again. Make lots of lists and try out ideas. The best stories are not necessarily the longest. It can be very short (100 words) or it can be up to 500 words. Stories should **not** be longer than **500 words**.

These stories will be judged and the best ones used in our story writing morning on Thursday 18th March at 9.30am. Your story should be written in Word, printed and given to your teacher by **28th February**. If you cannot print at home, please ask your parents to email it to info@bma.epworthtrust.org.uk with 'Story Telling' in the subject. You can handwrite the story if you need to. Please do not worry about illustrations or presentation as the stories will be read out.