

LEON AND THE PLACE BETWEEN

For the next two weeks you are going to be working towards writing your own fantasy story. We will build up to this but keep this end point in mind as you do your work this week.

Monday

Books can be divided into genres. A genre is a specific type of music, film or writing. Genres that you might be familiar with are mystery, fantasy, adventure, sci-fi, thriller, comedy (there are lots more too). Leon and the Place Between falls into the fantasy genre.

Fantasy books usually have an element of magic, myth or folklore in them. Sometimes they are set in a mystical universe.

Write your own definition of fantasy. Write a list of 5-10 fantasy books. These could be books that you have read or have heard of. You may need to do some research for this. Remember, we have read at least two books from the fantasy genre in school already this year and Mrs Grant is reading one every day on the school website to you at the moment!

Tuesday

Choose three of the books from your list yesterday. Write a short description about each of the books that you have chosen. Focus on what makes the book part of the fantasy genre. If you haven't actually read three of the books on your list, that's ok. You could look up the books on the internet to help you. For example, if you type the name of the book into Amazon you can read a short description of the book there.

My description of a book that I have read is below:

To Be a Cat

This is a fantasy story. It is set in the normal world but a boy turns into a cat! When he is a cat he realises that animals can actually talk but humans don't know that because they can't understand them. All that humans can hear when dogs and cats talk is barking and meowing.

Wednesday

Start to think about your own magical story. It will be based in an imaginary world, there needs to be a 'problem' for a character to overcome. Your task for today is to brainstorm lots of ideas for your story. The good thing about brainstorming or mind mapping is it is just a way of collecting all your ideas together. Like a treasure chest full of treasures (ideas). You might not use all your ideas, and that's ok. Today is for getting as many ideas written down as you can. See if you can fill up your page with ideas for your story, you can write in colour and don't need to write in full sentences, single words or short sentences are fine.

Thursday

Begin to plan out your story, use the ideas that you wrote yesterday to help you. You might want to create a story map to help you. This is useful to see where the story is going and how each moment or event links to the next. Think carefully about when the problem happens – at the beginning, the middle or towards the end and will your character be able to resolve the problem? While you are planning consider that your finished story doesn't need to be very long, (between 1 and 2 pages would be perfect). So think about how you are going to move the story along.

Friday

Read a new book! Look on the Oxford Owl website (the link is on the Year 4 page of the website). You need to click on 'my class login' and enter our username and password. The username is Year4rocks and password Panda. Have a look at the eBooks available and choose one that you like the look of. Make yourself comfortable and read your book, you can read it to an adult or just to yourself. Once you've read the book have a go at designing a new front cover for it. Have fun!