Literacy tasks

Please choose two or three tasks to do each week from the selection below. **Tasks may take more than 1 day to complete, this takes into account planning, writing and editing.** These are your literacy jobs to choose from for the next two weeks.

Before you start your literacy job each day please remind yourself of the following:

When writing, there are certain things that you should always try to do. While we wouldn't expect you to get all of these right all of the time we would certainly expect to see that you are having a good go at them and trying your very best! These things are...

- Write in a clear and legible way (this means neat handwriting!).
- Leave sensible sized finger spaces between each word.
- Use well-chosen noun phrases, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to make your writing interesting.
- Write in the correct tense think carefully about whether your writing should be in the past, present or future tense.
- Use punctuation correctly capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and after fronted adverbials.
- Use inverted commas or 'speech marks' for speech.
- Use apostrophes for contractions.

Create a comic strip based around your experiences in lockdown.

Top tips

The captions should be short.

The captions gives the reader additional information to the picture.

Pictures should be simple but fill the space available.

Write a poem about all the different types of weather we've been having recently. We have had sun, rain, wind, thunder and lightning, maybe you've had other types of weather too.

Challenge: before you start, research Kenning poetry. Find out what style of poetry this is and the rules for it. Write a poem about weather in this style.

Write a summary about what we have read so far from To be a Cat.

Top tips

This piece of writing should be around a paragraph long.

You are not retelling the story but writing about the main events and characters.

Imagine you are throwing a 'back to school' party for when lockdown is over! Write a list of all the things you will need. The venue for the party will be your current classroom.

Top tips:

Think about what food you will need.
Think about how many people will be at the party (and make sure you buy enough food!).
Will there be entertainment?
Will you need any decorations?

Write a short story. Use one of the following sentence to begin your story, what happens next is up to you!

It was there and then it was gone, why would a rabbit be on my bathroom floor?

Bleary eyed I went down for breakfast, the house was empty, even the furniture was gone...

Top tips

Create a story map or some sort of plan for your story before you begin writing it.
Use paragraphs in your writing.

Create a leaflet that can be given to children who are new to Ely St John's school. It must contain all the information that they need to know about our school.

Top tips

Use subheadings.

Imagine that you are new to ESJ. What information would you need to know to make your first few days easier?
Think carefully about how you set out your leaflet.

Write a film review about a film that you have watched recently.

Top tips

We haven't written a film review before. Have a look at the document called Film Review Checklist before you start, this will help you to write a good review.

Write a letter to your teacher. Tell them what you have been doing in lockdown and what you have learnt. Include information about fun things that you have done and happy moments. If you are worried about anything you could include that too. Maybe you want to ask your teacher a question. Your teachers all miss you a lot, you could post your letter to the school or email it to the school office for your teacher to read!