Creative Story Writing - Project Steps

Here are some useful steps to guide you through writing your own story:

Brainstorm and plan

- 1) <u>Browse</u> the links you have been given to some useful websites.
- 2) <u>Think</u> and <u>talk</u> to others about what you might like to write your story about.
- 3) <u>Read</u> other stories to give you some inspiration.
- 4) Begin to design your main characters. Think about their appearance and personality. Use the worksheets to help you if you want to.
- 5) <u>Plan</u> your story using a planning template. You could create your own, or copy one of the examples given. This will help with your story's structure.
- 6) If you want to make your story into a book, think about what <u>illustrations</u> (pictures) you might draw as well.

Write up your story

- Use all of the information in your plan to <u>begin writing</u> up your story.
- 2) Remember:
- -<u>Organise</u> your writing into paragraphs and leave space for adding illustrations.
- -Use <u>powerful vocabulary</u> to make your story interesting and exciting to read. Think about adjectives, adverbs, similes, onomatopoeia, metaphors etc.
- -Add plenty of <u>detail</u> and <u>description</u> of the characters, setting, and what is happening. (Remember, the reader can't see inside your head unless your description is clear).
- -Think about <u>punctuation</u>. You know how to use capital letters and full stops correctly. What other punctuation do you know how to use? ,?! "" ()'...:;

Proofread and check for possible improvements

- 1) When you have finished your writing, it is VERY important to proofread. This means reading through to check your work. Making improvements and correcting mistakes in your own work is the sign of a true superstar! (Even adults can make lots of mistakes if they don't proofread carefully).
- 2) Check for the following:
- -Spellings
- -Punctuation
- -Grammar
- -Is there enough detail?
- -Does the story make sense?
- -Have you used paragraphs?
- -Is your writing interesting to read?
- 3) Finally, give yourself a pat on the back! Well done you're finished ©.

Ready to publish?

We're looking forward to seeing and hearing your stories!

Send your stories to school via the school email:

northcott4parents@hotmail.com

or upload onto Twitter and tag @Northcottschool.

Resources available:

- -How to write a good story checklist
- -Story idea generator
- -Character design sheets x2
- -Story planning templates x2
- -Comic book template
- -Using similes in your writing
- -How to write your own adventure story help sheet