



DUSSINDALE WRITING NEWSLETTER



Writing Focus Newsletter 1-1/11/17

**Together on a voyage of discovery...
raising standards and safeguarding children**

Upcoming Event

We will all be using our recently learnt/revised drama skills (from Snailtale and our training day) to teach a whole book in a day. Every class at Dussindale will soon be spending a whole day of curriculum time focusing on this. The writing generated from this will then be displayed in year group displays all over the school this half term, and in the next special Writing Focus Newsletter.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the past few weeks, ensuring that children read more and more stories, thus enabling them to write ever improving stories!

Learning about writing

Children have been focusing on writing purposeful, quality texts over the past four weeks. This forms part of an eight week plan to improve writing across the school. All pupils have enjoyed a session from 'Snail Tale' focusing on developing their story telling skills. Staff also really enjoyed a training day on the 20th October, learning how to bring books to life using drama with Patrice Baldwin, who has many years' experience as a Drama for Learning Trainer. Here she is pictured with Pie Corbett, the creator of Talk4writing which is taught at Dussindale Primary School.



Snailtale visit! -
All children, from Reception to Year 6 took part in storytelling workshops with Chip, the professional storyteller, pictured above with another storyteller.

18th October Visiting author!

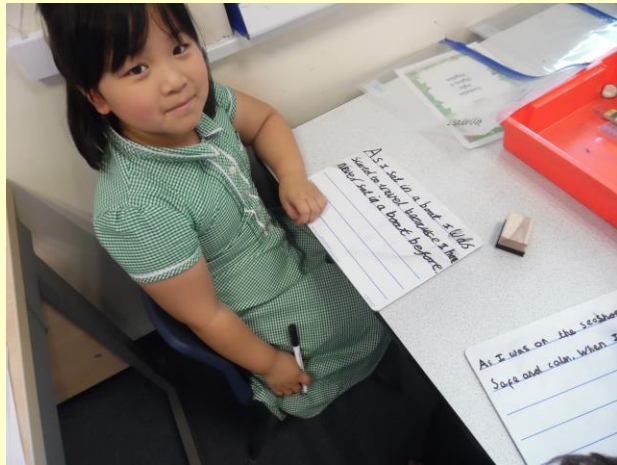


Nicola Davies gave a talk to Year 5 and 6 children about her books. It was great!
Nicola told us a story about a manatee as well. It was very memorable.

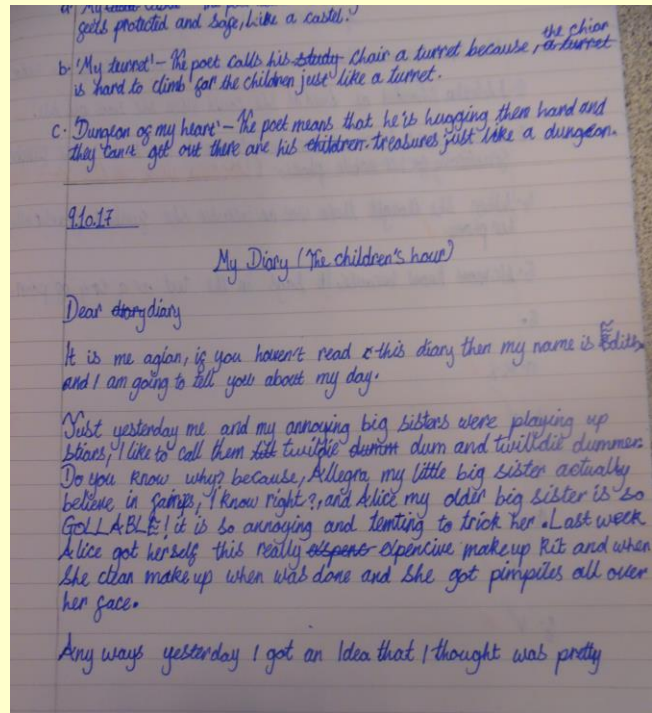
Open Classrooms this week

Please take the time to look at all the writing displayed in the classrooms and in the children's books. Look out for the 'I wrote this' signs which are featured next to a piece of work/several pieces of work to celebrate pupils' writing.

Display of writing in Year One



Composing writing in Year Three



Example of diary writing draft in Year Six