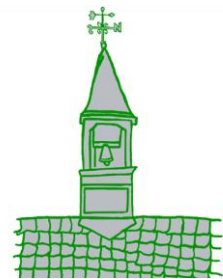




"Together we can"

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Be the best YOU can be

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Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the main learning areas that both schools are focusing on for improvement, is writing. This has been a challenge for a while but particularly so following the pandemic. We have been considering our curriculum, working with external partners and following refreshed DfE guidance. This will no doubt be a continued focus for us for the next few years – improvements in outcomes take time but we are sure we are on the right path.

Writing has lots of skills involved; spelling, vocabulary, handwriting (the physical process) and composition – how we put words together to communicate thoughts, feelings and information. I am sure you would agree, it is a key important skill but also a complex thing to master.

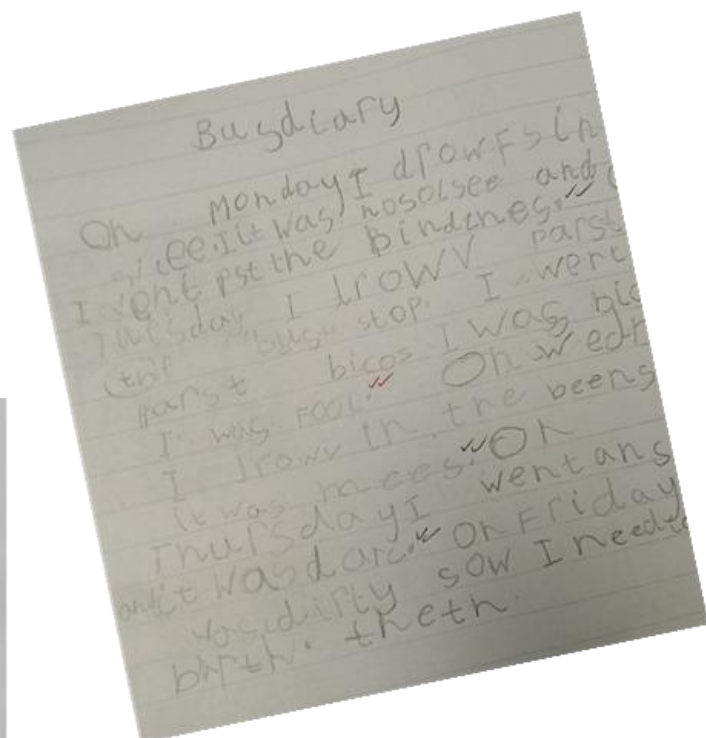
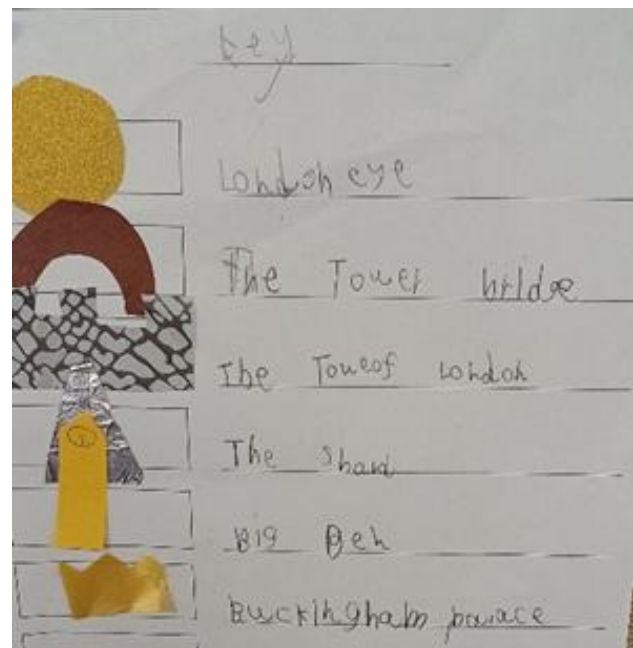
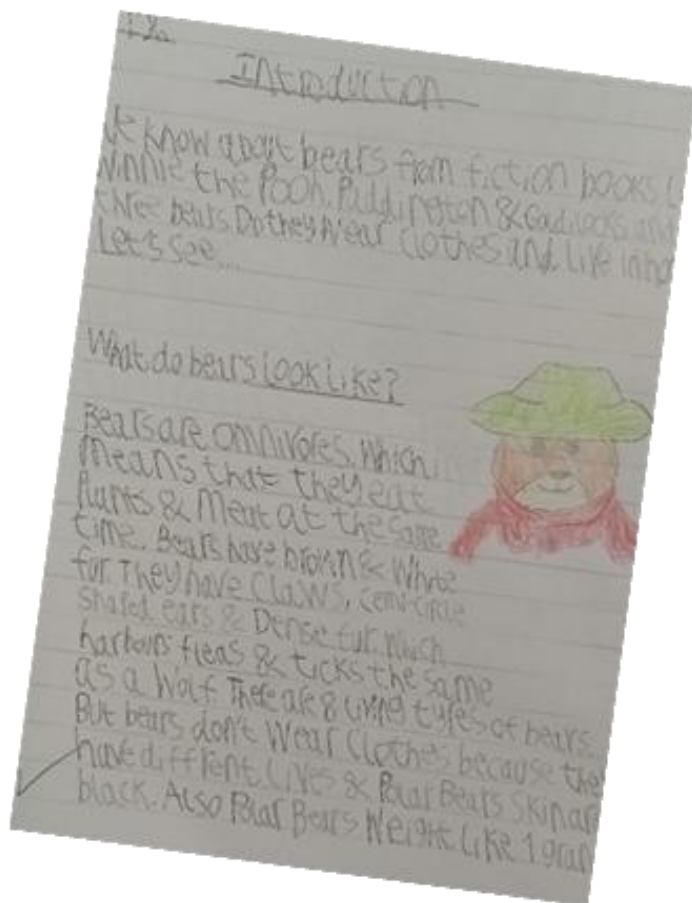
What can you do to help?

1. Talk positively about writing and how good written skills in communication help us as children and adults.
2. Practice any spellings sent home with your child.
3. Practice the 'Fred Fingers' spelling and reading in phonics.
4. Read to and with your child – we know that children who read and are exposed to lots of books become better writers because they hear language and how other writers use words.
5. Get your children to practice handwriting for 5 minutes a day – copying out spellings or a short sentence – please encourage them to write legibly and from Y3 onwards to practice joined writing (this may be slow to start with). Please remember practice makes perfect!
6. Encourage your child to always do their best writing.
7. Write some lists, letters, simple stories, leaflets with your child – share them with us

Next week there will be workshops for some parents at FINS – please attend these if you are invited, so that we can help you help your child.

I have attached some images of great writing seen this week.

Thanks,  
Adam Mason



When I was young, I went to a mean, hard and ugly school. I would steal from people who had as little as I did. There were bullies stealing lunch money and threatening people in every class

That was what I did to.

I walked fast because that is what you do when you don't want anyone to notice you. I wanted to blend into the background like smoke.

