

# **Year 2 Writing- Newspaper**

## **Before you start writing have in front of you:**

- Captain Tom's mind map (attachment)
- Newspaper template (attachment)

## **Top tips**

You might want to include:

- Newspaper title
- Information in paragraphs
- A drawing
- Price of newspaper
- Expanded noun phrases
- Conjunctions (and, but, so, because, when)

Use your best handwriting!

## **Task**

I'd like you to pretend that you were the reporter who interviewed Captain Tom and write an article reporting on what happened!

## **Day 1- Talk for writing**

Today I'd like you to practise being a reporter.

The attached mind map might help structure your thoughts.

1. Write a set of questions that you'd like to ask Captain Tom. Think about what punctuation you need!
2. Practise asking Captain Tom (could be your soft toy or an adult)

3. Write down what your 'Captain Tom' said. (If you used a soft toy, record what you think Captain Tom said). You could ask your parents if you could call a family member or friend to be Captain Tom.

### **Day 2- Mind map**

Today you are going to write all the words that you think of about Captain Tom, that you might like to use in your writing. Try and use adventurous word choices and/or words from the books that you read. Make a list of **at least 10** words.

*Miss Dell's list*

1. *Brave*
2. *Elderly*
3. *Heroic*
4. *Inspiring*

### **Day 3- Introduction – Conjunctions**

Today you are going to write the introduction and use conjunctions to join your ideas together.

Things to consider:

- How old is he?
- What is he famous for?
- What has he achieved?

**Check your writing to make sure that it makes sense- maybe mumble read it to yourself to check 😊**

### **Day 4- Captain Tom**

Today you are going to write a paragraph about your interview with Captain Tom using the correct punctuation in a series of sentences.

*Miss Dell's writing*

*Yesterday, I was fortunate to interview the inspiring Captain Tom who kindly spent the time answering my questions.*

*Why did you decide to raise money for the NHS?*

*Captain Tom shared that he thinks the NHS is a brilliant service and he wanted to do something to support them.*

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You could write a paragraph commenting on what the general public think of him as well.

*Miss Dell's writing*

*Fortunately, I spoke to his neighbours who happily shared lots of generous words about the heroic Captain Tom. One neighbour said that he is the kindest man that she knows.*

### **Day 5- Edit**

Read your news report and make any edits that you see.

Complete it if you need more time.

Use the top tips as a check list. Have you included everything?

Today I want you to read your news report, starting at the end, to check for spelling. Is the word you are saying spelt correctly on the page?

Now I want you to read it from the start, this time, I want you to stand up and sit down when you use punctuation. Have you been standing for a long time? Do you need to edit your writing?

Could you add an expanded noun phrase?

Do you want to change any word choices?

Do you want to re-order any sentences?

Do you want to change any sentences?

Read it once more! Check it makes sense!

Now add your drawings, price of the paper and paper name.

You can re-write your draft copy but you don't have too! Share your news report with a family member!

Happy writing reporters! You can do it!