

English Task 1: Write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader. Describe settings, characters and atmosphere.

Day 1 Monday:

Watch this clip from Litfilmfest: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k_aQ6ZiBOqU

It is about how to write Mystery Stories with Dashe Roberts the author of The Bigwoof Conspiracy.



Now look at: **1 A Mysterious Shadow**

This is a great story start. Complete the activities on these pages:

- Page 2- Question time!
- Page 3- Sentence challenge.
- Page 4- Sick sentences!
- Page 5- Perfect picture!

Day 2 Tuesday:

- Draw a story map/plan of what might happen next. Perhaps.....
 - A character has gone missing.
 - An animal/person is shouting an alarm call.
 - There are some mysterious footprints to follow.....
- Think about how it will end; will it be solved or lead to further mysteries?
- Write your opening paragraph.

Day 3 Wednesday:

- Listen to the whole of the story of Eric and look carefully at the illustrations.
- Use the **2 Eric by Shaun Tan** or watch Ruth Merttens reading:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H71F0-QrpE>

Contact friends or family members and conduct an interview to find out about the strangest visitor they've ever had to their house.

- Decide who you want to speak to.
- Plan how you are going to explain what you are doing (tell them a quick version of what happen in Eric).
- Think about and note down the question that you want to ask.

Day 4 Thursday:

- Conduct your interview and make notes of the questions and answers.
- Remember, the person that you speak to might need a bit of time to think about and remember what happened.

Day 5 Friday:

Either

- Write up your interview as if you are a journalist.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z2yycdm/articles/z2qk9qt>

When you are writing your own newspaper article:

- Make your headline short and snappy.
- In the first sentence sum up what the story is about.
- Write your report in the third person and the past tense.
- Split your newspaper report up into paragraphs to help the reader clearly understand the information.
- If you use quotes to make your report more interesting, don't forget to use speech marks!
- Fill your newspaper report with both facts and opinions. Facts give the reader all of the information they need by using the 5 Ws (who, what, why, where and when).

OR

- Write (and illustrate if you wish) your mystery story based on ***A Mysterious Shadow***.

Well done Year 6, you are terrific writers!