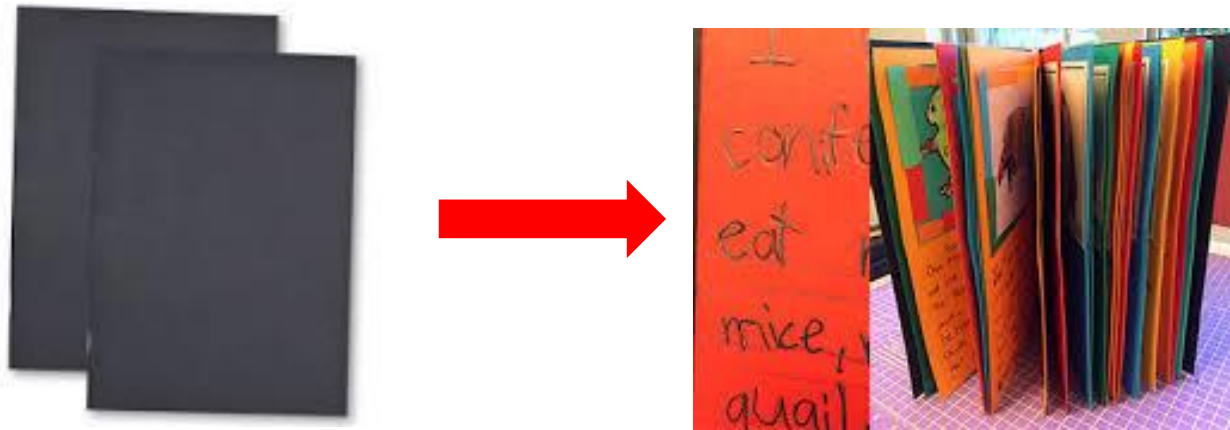


Writing Competition – GUIDE

We would like your pupils to be so inspired by their workshop that they feel they can do it too....this is their chance to have a go at being a real author and/or illustrator!

We have provided a blank book for every pupil that has been booked onto the Schools' Week project.



- This is an opportunity for them to write with a **purpose** – These books are for the children to produce their very own 'published' story and to keep forever.
- We will provide an **audience for their work** - we have plenty of people ready and waiting to read and enjoy each and every story!
- Perhaps you could invite parents and carers to pop into school to see all of the books and share them with the children.
- Could they visit younger pupils and 'read aloud' their stories to others?
- Older pupils could visit a local care home and share their books with the residents?
- Keep in touch with your visiting author/illustrator. Send photo and videos of the children reading their stories, facetime them!
- Use them for guided reading activities.
- Have a display of the books in the classroom, could the children use them during Early Morning Activities?
- Write reviews of each other's stories.
- Have a class vote on the best ones.

Writing Competition – THE BOOKS

- We would love for the children to **REALLY ENJOY** creating their stories and their books!
- We would like this to be an opportunity for **classroom focused fun!**
- We would **REALLY LOVE** the children to be **SUPER PROUD** of what they have produced!

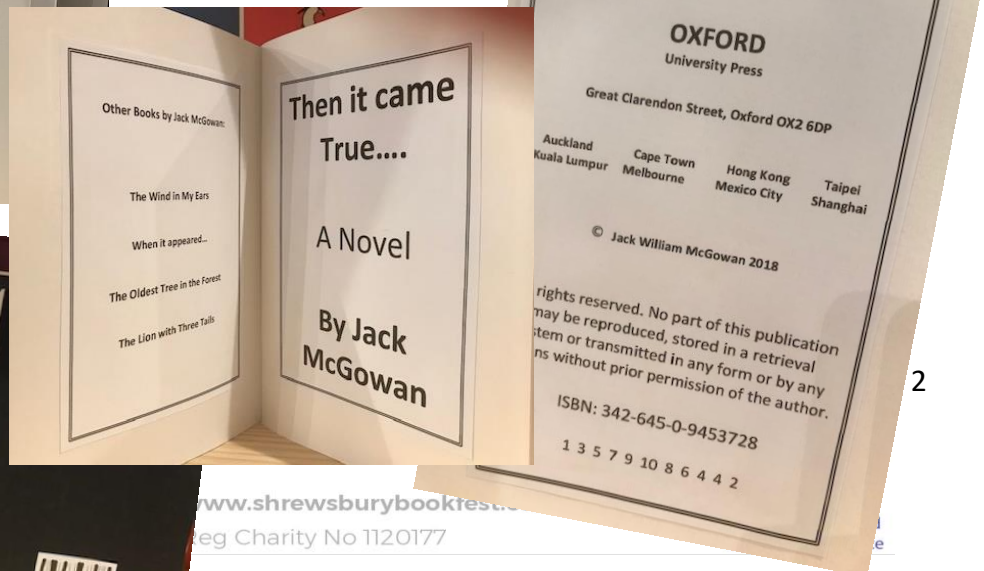
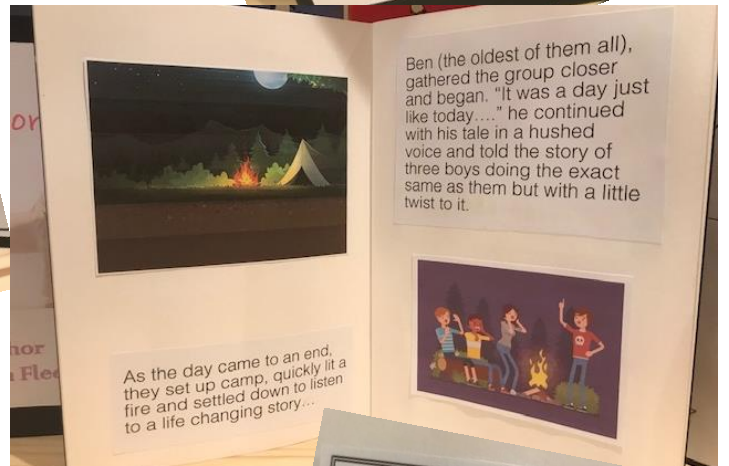
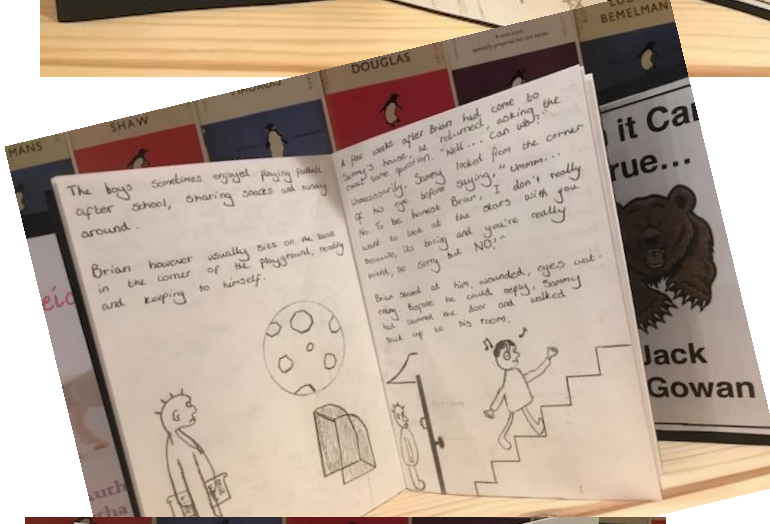
How to do it...

- Look at a range of books, written by your author/illustrator (provided by Bookfest) and by other favourites.
- Investigate and annotate a **FRONT** cover. What information is displayed and why?
 - Who illustrated the cover?
 - What does it tell you about what the book may be about?
 - Does it give anything away?
- Investigate and annotate a **BACK** cover. What information is displayed and why?
 - Look at 'blurbs', what do they say about the story? – can the children write their own blurb about their story?
 - Are there recommendations/reviews from others? Could the children collect some of these from peers/teachers/make some up?!
 - How much will their book be? Is there a bar code? What is that for?
- Look inside a book, make a list, talk about the other information you can find.
 - Read some author biographies – can the children write their own biography about themselves as an 'author'?
 - What does 'published' mean? Who 'published' their book?
- How will the book be organised?
 - Will there be chapters?
 - Are they going to use page numbers?
 - How many illustrations will they use?
 - Whole pages? Half pages? NONE!?
- **PLEASE FIND PHOTOCOPIABLE LINEGUIDES AT THE BACK OF THIS PACK**
- **PLEASE REMOVE AS MANY PAGES FROM THE CENTRE OF EACH BOOK AS REQUIRED**

BEFORE THE PUPIL BEGINS TO WRITE.

(these could be used for planning/practice pages)

Writing Competition – BOOK IDEAS



Writing Competition – THE RULES

Who can enter?

- The competition is open to all pupils who have been booked onto the Schools' Week project.
- Any age group is welcome to enter.

What to enter

- Each pupil is asked to create their own 'book'.
- We ask that it is as similar to a 'real' book as possible.

e.g. contains a front and back cover, blurb, author biography, title page....

- It can be any genre or style, except non-fiction.
- It can be a comic book
- It can be a picture book
- It can be words only.
- It can be handwritten or typed.

How to enter?

All entries must be either given to your school co-ordinator by arrangement, or delivered to:

Mrs A McGowan, 34 Kennedy Road, Shrewsbury, SY3 7AB.

When is the closing date?

Entries must be received by **11th April 2019**. Please take this into consideration if posting.

Please check correct postage.

We will not be able to consider any entries received after this date....simply because we may well have over 1500 books to judge!

Writing Competition – JUDGING

The Judging Panel will include teachers and literacy specialists. Judges will be looking at the following when making their final decision:

- Story concept and structure, e.g. character, plot development, ending.
- Enjoyability...does it make us laugh/cry/remember it?
- Presentation of 'the book'

The judges are unable to give feedback on individual stories.

The judges' decision is final.

Prizes?

A minimum of 10 'books' must be entered by each school entering the competition. Every school that enters will have a prize winner.

A selection of 'top stories' will be selected to be published/recorded as audio books on our website.

When will winners be announced?

We will announce winners and runners up by Friday 27th April 2019.

Prizewinners will be invited to Shrewsbury Bookfest's 21st Birthday Party on Saturday 4th May 2019 in Shrewsbury, where they will be awarded their prizes. (Precise time and location to be advised.)

Promotion

We will publish the names of winners and some stories on our website and social media. Please inform Bookfest of winners whose names or photographs cannot be used in any promotional activity.



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