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# Aim High Authors Magazine



Learning Together & Making a Difference

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# Welcome



Welcome to our 11th edition of our Aim High Authors Magazine. Here you will find pages packed with awesome work from the children.

In this edition you will see a range of writing from across school this term. From Foundation to Year Six, each class has produced writing inspired by a text or a given purpose to write. We have loved reading the contributions chosen by teachers for the magazine. The children have put in so much effort, aiming high with their writing.

We hope you enjoy reading this term's collection, and that the children do too! If they haven't been selected this term, maybe they will get a mention in the next edition.

Mrs Bowell and Mr Rich

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# Foundation Stage



They will eat an  
ice cream and build a  
sand castle. They will  
go to the church and go  
to the fair.

F2 wrote about what the characters in our story could do at the seaside.

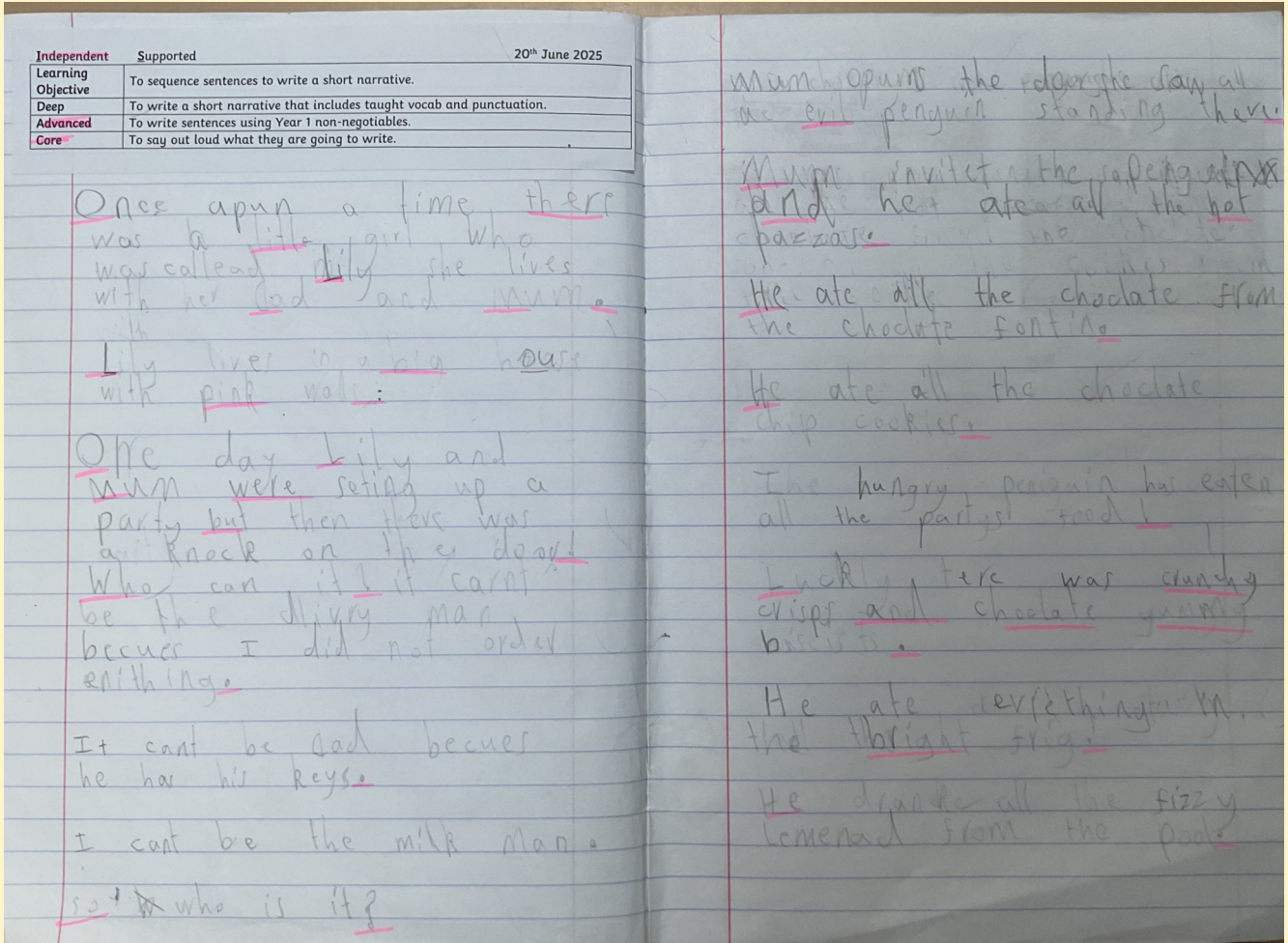
Theodore has been chosen as our aim high author because he has worked incredibly hard this year with his writing. He uses the correct punctuation, forms his letters carefully, applies his phonics knowledge to spelling and even used the word “and” to join his ideas.

Wow Theodore—we are so proud of you!

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# Year 1



Year 1 have been re-writing the story of The Tiger who came to tea.

Fatima has been chosen as our aim high author because she has worked incredibly hard and has included lots of interesting adjectives, expanded her sentences using conjunctions and worked really hard on her spellings including suffixes!

Fantastic job Fatima! We loved reading your story!

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# Year 2



11.7.25  
How to look after a pet whale.  
Have you always wanted the company of your very own pet whale in your back garden? If so help us out. Read these instructions and you will learn how to keep your whale alive. What you need

- A really big pool
- some towels bucket
- a big bucket of fish
- A great big pot some size of sea salt
- A big soft scrubbing brush

hose

- a long hose
- bricks
- some blue paint

What to do:

1. First dig a deep pit large enough for the whale.
2. Next paint some bricks blue and fix them together.
3. After that put the bricks in the pit.
4. Then get a hose and fill the pool. Also add a little bit of salt.
5. Finally feed your whale fish three times a day. And play with your whale.

Year 2 were inspired by the text 'The Storm Whale' and this led to them writing their own instructions about how to look after a pet whale.

A final note of warning  
Make sure you don't make your whale cry or your horse will be might flood!

Theo has been chosen because he has worked so hard on his writing this year, especially his handwriting! He was able to include all of our features such as subheadings, bullet points, expanded noun phrases, time openers and interesting verbs. Well done Theo!

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# Year 3



THE HEART AND THE BOTTLE

In a cozy setting lived a thoughtful young girl who asked a million of questions to ask her grandpa were answered. Everyday she would ask him about the wonders of the world while slowly wandering down the beautiful coastline.

As the vibrant morning sun into the intelligent young girl was still questioning her old grandpa "What is the purpose of life?" "Grandpa asked Lily "They're made of rock and gas!" As grandpa's gaze spanned as wide as a space Lily started to get away until the stars twinkled like diamonds in the sky.

With day dropping through her hair Lily burst through the door with a smile that was brighter than the sun to find a huge empty chair. Her heart swished with thoughts of pieces because she knew her beloved grandpa was gone. Lily started like a lion "I had my grandpa back!" started Lily with anger.

In a fit of rage Lily decided she was going to lock her heart as a jar heart. She was unsure what to do. The jar acted like a security guard trying to stop anyone from opening it. "I won't feel anything more!" started Lily with anger emptying your her like an action volcano.

For what felt like a decade the container of happiness got so large thought about questions. As the dark that clouds your out the naturally girl she had an incredible idea to get her heart back.

Year 3 were tasked with writing a narrative about a child who locks their heart away . Mei captured the purpose of this narrative amazingly and really pulled on the readers heart strings. It has been a delight to see Mei's writing progress throughout the year and it has been capped off with an excellent narrative.

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# Year 4



Supported	Independent
Learning Objective	Write here, Write now

Imagine that you are this astronaut and you have just discovered a mysterious, new planet. You are the first person to have stepped foot on it. Use this image to help you write a setting description of the planet. Use your senses to help describe the scene: if you were the astronaut standing on top of the rock what would you be able to see, hear, smell, touch and how would you be feeling/what would you be thinking?

Try to include:

- Expanded noun phrases to make your setting description exciting and interesting for the audience.
- Fronted adverbials to vary your sentence starters.
- Conjunctions (FANBOYS/WIBBONE) to make your sentences more complex.
- Maybe even some direct speech.
- Basic punctuation – CAPITAL LETTERS, finger spaces, punctuation to end the sentence (7)

Neat handwriting and careful presentation

Today, my rocket crashed and I discovered a new planet but it turned into the best day of my life!

As soon as I hit the planet I was astonished, my mountains towering over snow castles and tiny people with roller skates darting through and in between them. The tiny people had lime green hats with gold silk spiralling as they twirled gloriously. As I looked up, the moon stared at me and I gazed back admiringly as the fluffy clouds faded to its beauty and the stars crowded round it as if the moon and stars were friends. I stumbled over a rock and glanced down to find another dwarf waving, kindly resting his hand for me to hop down. I peered my head round the corner to find a blinding light and biscuits, presents and a lonely

arm chair sound and still,  
I heard footsteps coming nearer and nearer. Then, all of a sudden a big, booming laugh fills the air and a merry, old man strolls through the welcoming doors. His beard is grey and dusty, his coat ruby red with a tight belt wrapped around, his boots covered in ~~rust~~ soot making an astounding sound with each step he took. But best of all his wide grin, I knew who he was. I believe I found the world for . . . . Those people weren't dwarfs but elves and those lights were their decorations and presents and reindeers! This is the world for . . . .  
SANTA!

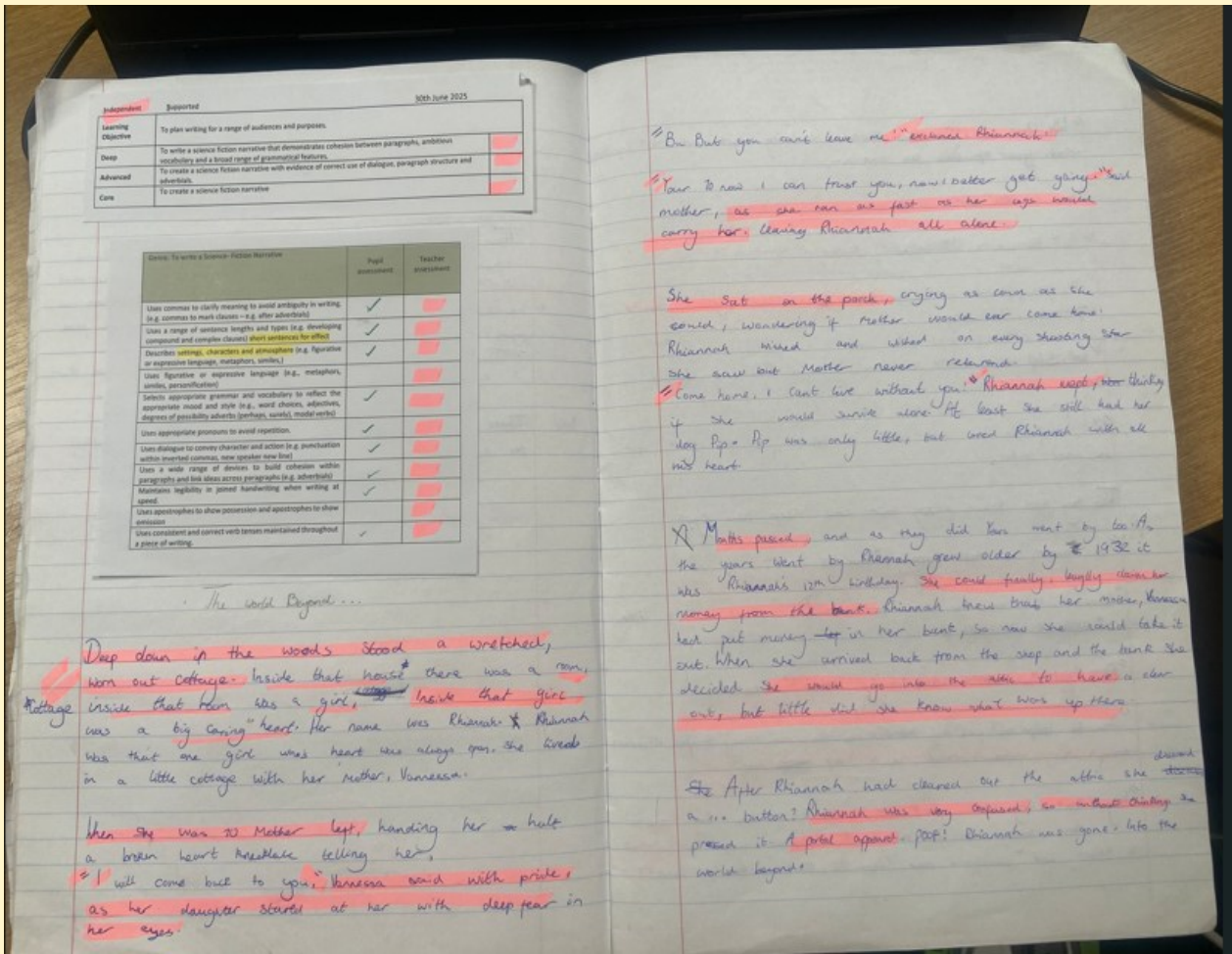
(dwarfs)

In Year 4, we have been reading the book Bloom and writing all sorts of amazing pieces using the book as the theme. Everyone has enjoyed this, however, I chose a recent write here, write now piece from Ava instead. Not only does this showcase her natural flair for writing but also shows her fantastic handwriting and ability to edit her work independently! A captivating read from a brilliant writer. Keep it up Ava!

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# Year 5



In Year 5 we enjoyed crafting our own science-fiction narratives. Olivia L produced an excellent narrative, which showed off her flair for writing creatively. She planned well and as a result her finished piece was engaging and had a thread that ran the entire way through her story.

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With the recent release of the Nintendo Switch 2, gamers internationally are debating about whether Nintendo makes ~~great~~ the greatest handhelds. Due to prices of both games and consoles increasing, the discussion has started to spread across the entire world. But first, what counts as a handheld?

Firstly, it has to be meant for gaming, so ~~phones~~ smartphones, smartwatches and other devices that are meant for non-gaming purposes, ~~despite~~ <sup>although</sup> they can be used for gaming, they are not going to be mentioned in this text. Secondly, it has to have the ability to play gaming on its own, for example the ~~Play~~ Playstation Portal is not a proper handheld due to the fact that you need your Playstation 5 and Monitor to be turned on as well as being connected to its Wi-Fi therefore the Playstation Portal is not its own handheld ~~because~~ because of its lack of independence to play games on its own. Thirdly, ~~we are talking~~ <sup>the text is</sup> comparing main handheld brands, include Nintendo, Steam, ROG, and many ~~more~~ numerous brands.



## Year 6



Firstly, the ~~V~~ screen's quality <sup>the Switch 2's</sup> is perfect (as 90% of gamers agree) whilst screen resolutions are 1280x800, 1920x1080, 1920x1200 for some content. 1920x1080 is a good resolution for handhelds because of its balance between resolution and aspect ratio. Being a perfect 16:9 aspect ratio, instead of the Steam Deck's 16:10, and the Lenovo Legion Go's 16:10. Even though the ROG Ally's 16:9, 1080p display is the same resolution as the Switch 2, the Switch 2's screen is brighter than the Ally's screen. On the other hand, ~~secondly~~ the ergonomics varies incredibly on what handheld you use, with the Steam Deck's ergonomic humps or the Ally's mix of compactness and ergonomics but the Switch 2's ergonomics are quite ~~good~~ <sup>fine</sup>. ~~The Switch 2's~~ <sup>the Switch 2's</sup> is large, but flat as many ~~reviewers~~ <sup>people of the genre</sup> have said.

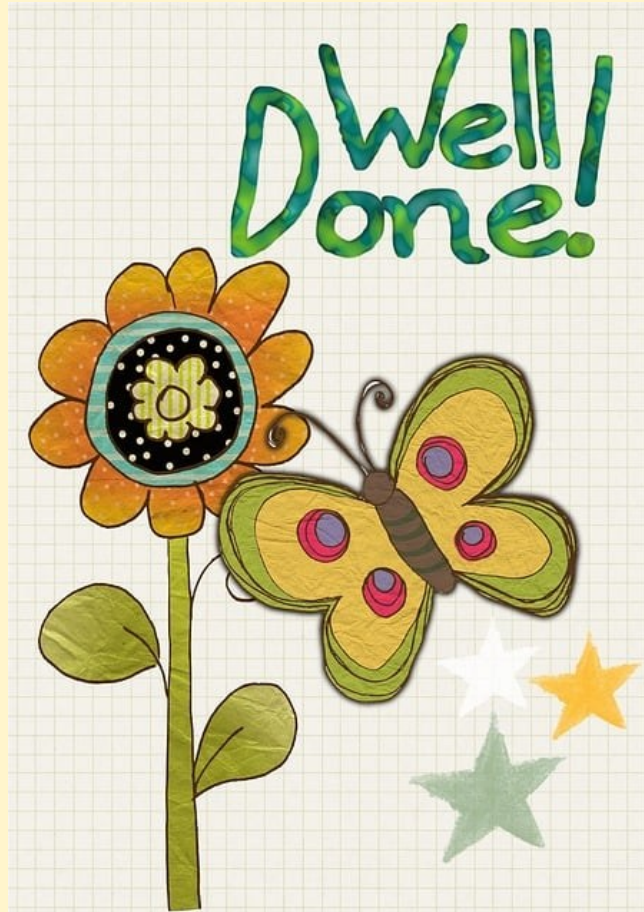
~~In conclusion~~ <sup>In conclusion</sup>, Switch 2's screen really ~~exceeds~~ <sup>exceeds</sup> the competitors' screens. However, the ergonomics of the Switch 2 is one of its biggest problems. Maybe this discussion will be changed due to the Xbox/Rog Ally X ~~releasing~~ <sup>releasing</sup> this holiday. I personally believe that the screen carries the Switch 2 to be the best handheld.

Year 6 were tasked with writing a balanced argument on a topic of their choice. Jude selected a subject that brings him great joy and one he is already highly knowledgeable about — a wise decision. His writing is so strong, it genuinely wouldn't be out of place in a gaming magazine.

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