Birdwell Year 3

Welcome to Year 3!

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Jingle the Elf left for the North Pole today

Posted on December 18, 2020 by kerrybell

Hey it's us! Santa has good eye! we all have fun before he left, he played one last trick on us by leaving treats in our home made stockings.

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Christmas Parteeeeeeeeeeeeee!

Posted on December 16, 2020 by kerrybell

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Xmas S-Elfies

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It's party day and we all look SCREDIBLE in our party outfits. Like all good Christmas parties, we headed to the photo booth to shake up ...

Now, we only need cue to photocopy his bottom and we're ready for Christmas!

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Christmas stockings

Posted on December 15, 2020 by kerrybell

We have made some beautiful Christmas stockings for our classroom. BUT don't worry, we'll be bringing them home to put up on Christmas Day!

For those of you who have very neatness, colour coordinated lives, (Partners more Don't like) We have used so many different colours and patterns. Hopefully you can find a there that goes with your feet. Make sure you take all week into a picture of your stocking when you're hung it up!

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Dr. Seuss STYLEEEEE!

Posted on December 11, 2020 by kerrybell

We have been discovering the style of poetry that Dr. Seuss uses a lot in class. We have decided that we can see 3 styles that he regularly uses.

1. He repeats words and phrases often, over on the same page
2. He makes up new creatures to rhyme with difficult words. He uses rhyming words, even in the middle of a line!

3. Can you spot and **explain** any examples of the below?

4.

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Good to see Mrs Addy and Mr Crouch are looking after my little elves!

Posted on December 11, 2020 by kerrybell

Today is Christmas Jumper Day and there's not a Grinch in sight! (Mr. Bailey must be in the office!). You all look fantastic.

I don't want to miss out on all of the fun so I'll ask you guys this morning over Zoom.

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Why is The Grinch so unhappy?

Posted on December 7, 2020 by kerrybell

We've been discussing why the Grinch hates Christmas so much and why he is so miserable. We decided that he must be lonely and that he hates the fact that everyone else is happy. We also discussed how he could be getting in a rumbling presents, Christmas knows Christmas card singing or even spending time with loved ones.

We thought it may be a good idea to give the Grinch a few ideas on how to enjoy Christmas and Whoville a little bit more.

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Advent calendar

Posted on December 4, 2020 by kerrybell

We have looked at some of the symbolic ways that parts of Christmas are represented. Just the some of the pictures we find inside an advent calendar. The children did their own advent calendar kits!! the flap explanations of what the symbols represent.

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Features of a church

Posted on December 3, 2020 by kerrybell

Christmas is a Christian holiday so we have been finding out more about the symbols that represent Christmas like the snowflake we saw in advent calendars. We pretend to be gnat and the catches we light and the please that Christians go to worship.

Today we looked at what features we would expect to see inside a church:

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Dr Seuss Biographies

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Posted on December 8, 2020 by mrswallow

We used our internet research skills to find out about the life and work of Dr. Seuss. We used these to create our own biographies.

We used:

- Paragraphs, to organise our information into **chronological order**
- **Topic sentences** to begin each paragraph. These give the reader a clue as to what the paragraph will be about instead of using headings.
- **3rd person** because the writing is about someone else
- **past tense** because we are writing about things that have already happened

We didn't draft our work this time, we used our notes and the criteria on the board to help us structure our work and just went for it! Of course, that meant that when we had finished, we had to **proof read** our work to look for mistakes or improvements.

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Writing Task: The best Christmas present ever!

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We are going to do a short piece of writing in which we retell the eperience of opening our favourite ever Christmas present.

To help us prepare for this piece of writing, we shall develop several skills over the next few days:

- Describing Feelings, if we just say we are excited or happy then it doesn't have much effect on the reader. However, if we can capture HOW we feel and what we do when we are excited or happy then we can make our readers feel the same. Lesson 1 will build our skills in this.
- Superlatives, these are words that are the extremes of everything…biggest, fastest, coolest, greatest, best. we are going to look at how to use the -est suffix and also when NOT to use it.
- Building tension, holding things back from the reader and making them wait makes them want to read more. We will look at some stalling tactics to use in our writing.
- Cliff-hanger endings, sometimes telling the reader exactly what happens at the end can be a disappointment if it's different from what they picture in their mind whilst reading. Let's explore the cliff-hanger ending.

Once we have mastered all of these skills, we will use them all to tell you about the greatest Christmas gift we ever unwrapped.

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Writing session 4: The cliff-hanger!

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The last thing we want, after all of our hard work, is for us to unwrap our gift and it turn out to be something the reader doesn't like!

What we can do is leave the story just as we see what the gift is…and the reader will NEVER KNOW what it was! This is called a cliff-hanger!

Task: Describe an imaginary, wrapped-up parcel in detail. The shape, the weight, the wrapping paper. You can peel away the wrapper and give tiny details (that could be anything) but we won't say what is inside…EVER!

The parcel was the oddest of shapes! It was round at one end and the long and straight at the other. Almost as if someone had wrapped up an exclamation mark from a Road Runner cartoon! Strangest of all, it was really heavy, but not all over…like there was something heavy right in the centre of the parcel, lurking beneath the glittery ribbon and the plain, brown paper. When if shook it gently, it tinkled and chimed…I thought I'd broken it for a second but it was too sweet a sound to be made by accident! I took a deep breath and ripped the paper quickly from end to end and laid it all open on the floor in front of me…OF COURSE! Now it all made perfect sense.

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Writing Session 3: Building tension

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I woke up on Christmas morning. I opened my presents. I got the best present ever.

Rubbish!

What a boring story! I didn't feel anything at all reading it. When things are too easy they are not very engaging. We need to make our reader work hard and make them wait…we have to

treat them mean to keep them keen!

Let's look at ways of making them wait…

1. **Add extra detail:** I woke up on Christmas morning. I yawned and stretched, gradually coming around. My eyes slowly came into focus upon the brightly coloured and overflowing stocking at the end of my bed. How could I forget…"It's Christmas morning!" I shouted, jumping out of bed.
2. **Add feelings & thoughts (See lesson 1):** As I picked up the present, my mind was racing. What could it be? Why is it so heavy? Will I like it? My tummy was in knots and I was starting to sweat. Slowly I peeled back the wrapping an inch at a time…I saw the corner of something blue and froze! My eyes opened wide, my mouth fell open and even my heart stopped beating…could it really be what I thought it was?

Let's give it a try. Give me a detailed account of your journey from your bedroom to your living room. What do you pass? Do the carpets or floors feel different in each room? Does it suddenly get brighter or darker room to room? What are your decorations like?

We could use some of the details in our final piece on Friday!

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