








Diary writing knowledge organiser Year 5 and 6

What should I already know?	What a good one looks like!	Diary writing toolkit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to write in chronological order • Past, present and future tense • Writing in paragraphs • Informal language (chatty style) • Dear Diary and date • Sign off • Recount of event • Fronted adverbials • Person 	<p style="text-align: right; color: red;">10th October 1666</p> <p><i>Dear Diary,</i></p> <p><i>Heartbroken and terrified. That is exactly how I feel right now and I do not know what to do. I'm so alone. It all started when I awoke to banging on the door, I just knew it was mother and when I flung open that door, an immense wave of relief washed over me- I had missed her so much and I was certain that Mother was here to stay... oh how wrong I was.</i></p> <p>Without thinking, I ran up to my mother, hoping desperately for one of her amazing hugs, but instead, I was shouted at and told not to touch her, at first I thought I had done something terrible to offend her. Feeling rejected and suddenly nervous, I studied the weathered, anxious and overwrought look on my Mother's face and then I realised that something was desperately wrong. Taking a closer look, I noticed the tear stains and worry etched on her face and all of those feelings of dread and apprehension came flooding back.</p> <p>And then she told me. My poor family, who do not deserve this anguish and pain; my poor Grandma Tebbutt who is extremely sick with the monstrous plague. Even though I knew it deep down, in my heart of hearts, hearing Mother say those words will forever be imprinted on my mind. Dark thoughts of losing family members and questions about the rest of the family whirred around in my head but I kept my mouth shut and let Mother continue.</p> <p><i>Pleading for us to be brave,</i> she told us that we were to stay in this desolate barn on our own, looking after each other, caring for one another but above all, staying alive. Suddenly feeling like I had the weight of the world upon my shoulders, Mother then gave me strict instructions to open the parcel she had brought with her carefully (at least she was good spirits and laughed about how silly she must've looked dragging it up the hill!).</p> <p>Finally, it was time for Mother and I to part ways; she made us promise not to let anybody in the barn or to cross the river- I know how important these instructions are <i>but does she not realise that we will miss her terribly?</i> Does she understand that when we look over the bank of the river and see the smoking chimneys of our home, <i>how isolated and lonely we will feel?</i> However, I could not bear to burden her with anymore so I forced a smile upon my face and said my goodbyes.</p> <p>Hopefully it won't be too long before we can be reunited; I know that we have to be strong and look after each other. I will take each day as it comes and pray for everything to be ok.</p> <p>Catherine</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and dear • Introductory paragraph (Usually present tense) • Past tense (<u>it was, I went</u>) • Rhetorical questions • Emotive language • Chronological order (<u>in time order</u>) • One event/day per diary • Fronted adverbials • Expanded noun phrases • Informal style (slang, acronyms, chatty styles) • Last section present/future tense (<u>It will, I will, I am</u>) • 1st person (<u>I</u>) 
What will I know by the end of this unit?		Prior learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing for a purpose • Reported speech • Emotive language • Rhetorical language • Changes in formality • Passive and active voice <p><u>The police are searching the area (A)</u></p> <p><u>The area is being searched by police (P)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relative clauses <p><u>The walk, which was long and hard work, made me really tired</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in tense (present to past to present/future) • How different people write their diaries and why they do this 	<p>More examples can be found at: https://www.literacywagoll.com/diary-entry.html#</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne Frank's diary (Y5) • Diary of a workhouse (y3/4) • Diary of an Arctic explorer (y3/4) 
Famous diary writers!		
		
Anne Frank	Captain Scott	Samuel Pepys

