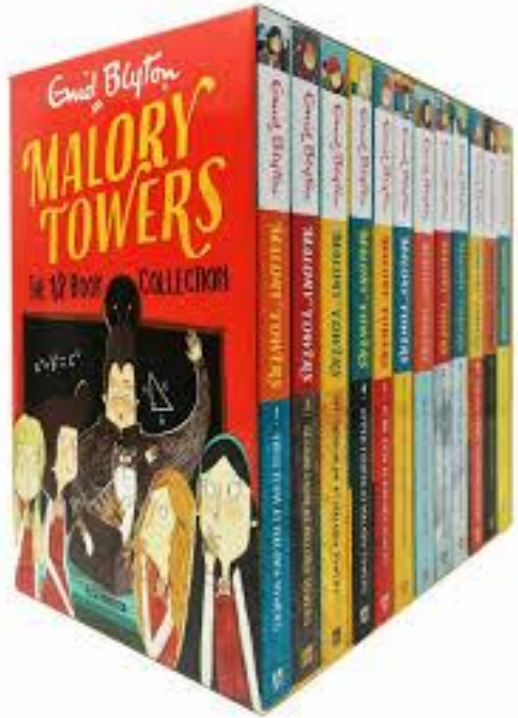


Year 4 English Work

Mon 29th June – Fri 3rd July 2020



This week we are going to do some work based on an extract from a book in this series. You do not need to read the whole book.

Please Note: If you are coming to school this week, your teachers will work on Task 3 with you so you do not need to do this task at home. Complete task 1 & 2 at home as usual.

Remember to contact your teacher if you need any help.

Task 1: Text

Read this extract and answer the questions on the next slide. You can write out the answers, in full sentences, on paper and upload them to Purple Mash, you do not need to upload the extract or the questions.

Darrell Rivers looked at herself in the mirror. It was almost time to start for the train, but there was just a minute to see how she looked in her new school uniform.

'It's very nice,' said Darrell, turning herself about. 'Brown coat, brown hat, orange ribbon and a brown tunic underneath with an orange belt. I like it.'

Her mother looked into Darrell's room and smiled.

'Admiring yourself?' she said. 'Well, I like it all too. I must say Malory Towers has a lovely school uniform. Come along, Darrell. We don't want to miss the train on your very first term!'

Darrell felt excited. She was going to boarding school for the first time. Malory Towers did not take children younger than twelve, so Darrell would be one of the youngest there. She looked forward to many terms of fun and friendship, work and play. What will it be like? She kept wondering. I've read lots of school stories, but I expect it won't be quite the same at Malory Towers. Every school is different. I do hope I make some friends there.

Darrell was sad at leaving her own friends behind her. None of them were going to Malory towers. She had been to a day-school with them and most of them were either staying on there or going to different boarding schools.

Her trunk was packed full. On the side was painted in big black letters DARRELL RIVERS. On the labels were the letters M.T for Malory Towers. Darrell had only to carry her tennis racket in its press and her small bag in which her mother had packed her things for the first night.

Task 1: Questions

Remember: You can write out the answers, in full sentences, on paper and upload them to Purple Mash, you do not need to upload the extract or the questions.



1. Draw a picture of Darrell and label it (using relevant words & phrases from the text)



2. What does the word 'admiring' mean?



3. How old is Darrell?



4a. Why is she feeling excited?

4b. What was she looking forward to?



5. Other than feeling excited, how else do you think Darrell was feeling and why?



6. Why do you think she is going to Malory Towers even though none of her friends are?

Task 2: We have read that Darrell is a bit sad to be leaving her school and friends. She might be thinking about the memories she made there. Even though you are not leaving Beulah, you will be leaving Year 4 so can you share some of your favourite memories with us?

Choose at least 3 (but of course you can do more).

You can present these in any way you choose... A poster (with pictures), a poem, a list... Be creative! Remember to share these with us on Purple Mash too!

Mrs Patel's Memories

I really enjoyed this year with Year 4
I'm sad that we couldn't do more,
Sadly, Covid-19 cut short
My time with this amazing cohort.
Luckily we made some great memories,
And here are my favourite three...

Our Christmas play
with all your
wonderful singing,
acting & dancing.

Roman Day & Viking Day
- I loved spending time with
all 3 classes and doing fun
activities with you all!

Task 3: It tells us in the text that Darrell was wondering what her new school would be like. You might be wondering what your new class teacher will be like and they might be wondering the same about you. How could you tell them about yourself?

Your task is to write a letter about yourself with the things you think are important for your new teacher to know.

Include paragraphs about:

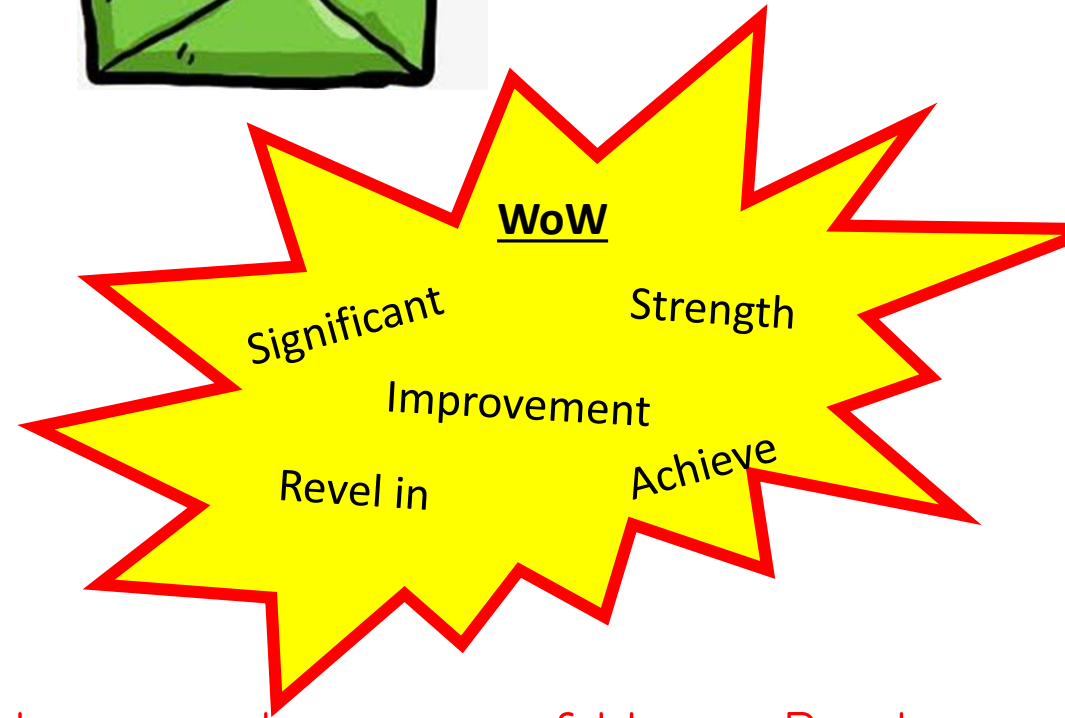
- Who you live with and important people in your life
- What you like and dislike at school, what you think your strengths and areas for improvement are
- Things you enjoy doing outside school
- Is there a character from a book/film/TV show that you might compare yourself to?

Task 3:

Your task is to write a letter about yourself

Remember to:

- Include the features of a letter (Dear Year 5 Teacher, I am writing to..., Yours Sincerely etc)
- Use conjunctions to explain your points in detail
- Vary your sentence openers
- Organise your writing into paragraphs
- Think carefully about punctuation
- Check and edit your writing when you finish.
- Include some WoW words in your letter.



We can't wait to read them all so please remember to upload your work into your folder on Purple Mash. 😊

(We might even be able to show your new teachers once we know who they will be!)

There is an example letter that I might share with my new class on the next slide if you are stuck...

Monday 29th June 2020

Dear Class,

I am writing this letter to let you know a little bit about me as we won't be able to meet until we start school properly, which will hopefully be in September, next year.

My name is Mrs Patel, and I live in a house, which is in Croydon, with my husband and my two children. Although I don't live too far from school, I drive there because it is too far to walk and I often carry your books home to mark – these would be far too heavy for me to carry all the way home. Other significant people in my life include other members of my family, such as my parents, and some close friends. I am very sociable and like being around other people, therefore family and friends are very important to me.

Enjoying being around other people is one of the reasons I love my job! I love coming to school, teaching my class and getting to know the children in it. One of my strengths is that I have lots of time to spend with you if you need anything, however, I do expect you to be focussed on your work during lessons so that you can always achieve your best. Luckily, I enjoy teaching all subjects and try my best to make the learning fun. Sadly, there are some lessons I don't get to teach because I work part time and share my teaching with another teacher but I know that we will both always do our best for all of you.

When I am not at school, I love spending time exploring new places, in reality but also through reading. I love that by reading a book, we can be transported to another world. In fact, one of my favourite things to do in class is share a book together. I really hope we can do that soon. I'm really excited to meet you all.

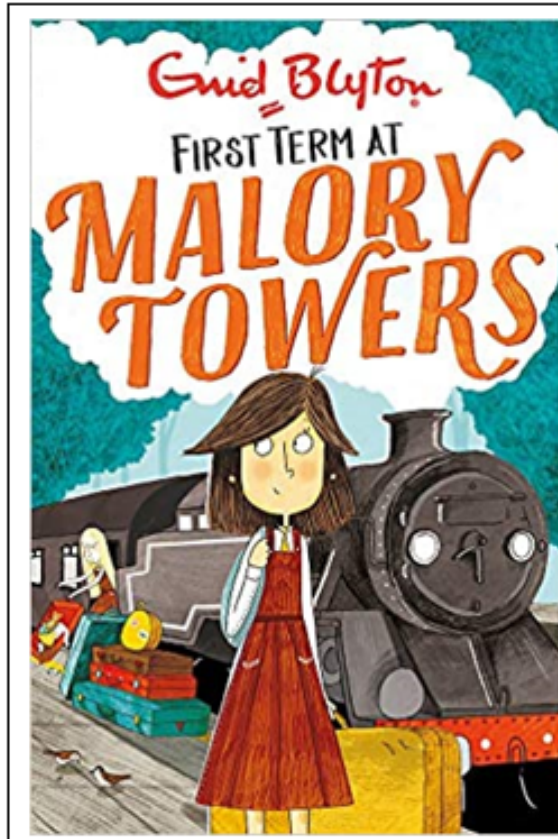
Yours Sincerely

Mrs Patel

FINALLY...

The book we based this week's work on, *First Term at Malory Towers*, was recommended by Mrs Dent. She said she loved the book and here is her book review on it...

First Term at Malory Towers By Enid Blyton



Summary

Darrell Rivers is super excited to be leaving home to start her first term at Malory Towers, a boarding school.

She settles in very quickly and makes friends, however another new girl, Gwendoline is beginning to get on everyone's nerves and cause trouble.

Darrell struggles to keep her temper and ends up in trouble more than once when Gwendoline starts playing nasty tricks on one of the other girls.

Comments

A great start to a set of 5 books all based on the same group of friends at boarding school. A really enjoyable series.

