

Scary Story Success Criteria for The Week

You have now been taught how to write everything you need to create a successful scary story. Use all the bullet points below to help you write your story.

- **This is a short story.** Therefore, I believe it should not be any longer than 5 sides of A4 paper, unless you need it to be. Equally, it should not be considerably less than 5 sides either. If you are doing a story poem, 'The Doll' was 18 stanzas long. (We will see how this goes)
- You must **start in the midst of action. This can also be dialogue.** (this was lesson 1 and 2).
- You need to **create vivid atmosphere.** This is done through effective descriptions of elements (weather), objects and things happening. (this was lesson 3).
- Vivid **imagery needs to be created through precise vocabulary.** This is achieved by describing what is happening using interesting and powerful vocabulary that creates a clear picture for the reader in their mind (this was lesson 4)
- You must **link your paragraphs using cohesive devises.** Time words, fronted adverbials, prepositions, conjunctions (this was lesson 5)
- To **show character development.** How will your character change during the story? (this was lesson 6)
- **End your story with a twist.** How will your story end, that will surprise the reader? (this was lesson 7)

Don't forget to use

- Powerful adjectives
- Adverbs to describe the verbs
- Personification and simile resource sheets
- Metaphors
- Short sentences to create tension and to demonstrate a character's trail of thought (voice in their head)
- Show not tell how a character is feeling

If you can, type it up on the computer, so it will be much easier for you to make amendments once I have marked it.

Can't wait to read your scary stories! Remember... you want to scare me... creep me out please.