

Make Your Writing Sparkle! Year 3 and 4

Text Structure

- Opening that includes setting (of time and place) and introduces characters.
- A series of events that builds up.
- Problem(s)
- Resolution and ending.



Sentence/Word level Features

- Write in the first or third person.
- Write in the past tense.
- Use time words eg *first thing that day, later on...*
- Add speech.(Use speech marks!)
- Use verbs to describe action, thoughts and feelings.
- Use exciting words to add detail eg *adverbs, adjectives, verbs, similes...*

Traditional Stories

Making The Text Interesting

- Be clear about the what happens in your story.
- Rehearse by retelling before writing.
- Make the characters 'good', 'bad', 'silly', 'lazy'...
- Use some repeating lines eg *he huffed and he puffed...* especially if you want the audience to join in.
- You can alter the setting and details but events must stay the same eg *Snow White in New York*.
- Re-read the tale aloud to see it reads well.