

# Make Your Writing Sparkle! Year 3 and 4

## Text Structure

- Opening that includes setting ( of place and time ) and introduces characters.
- Have a problem that starts the story.
- Write the events in order.
- Solve the problem to end the story.

## Sentence/Word Level Features

- Written in the first or third person, ( I, me, we ).
- Write in the past tense.
- Use time connectives eg *first thing that day, later on...*
- Connectives to show suspense eg *suddenly, without warning...*
- Use speech - what the characters say. Remember speech marks !
- Use exclamations eg *Help!*
- Choose exciting words, eg synonyms.
- Add detail with adjectives, adverbs and similes.



## Adventure Stories



## Making the Text Interesting

- Use description to get a picture of the story.
- Include weather, season and time of day to describe the setting.
- Do not have too many characters.
- Describe the main character's personality. Keep on thinking what this person might feel, do or say.
- At the end, show how the main character has changed because of what has happened.
- Know what the ending is so that the story can lead towards it.