English 11/05/2020

This week’s English focus is on setting descriptions. Last week you focused on describing characters. This week I would like you to try to describe a setting. This would work best if you could link the setting to your characters from last week. I have included a grammar focus of using subordinating clauses because using subordinate clauses in our writing can make it sound more interesting.

Below are some steps to help you write a great setting description.

1. **Read examples of setting descriptions.** Read the extracts of setting descriptions in Word document. Try to summarise each description in just 5 words!
2. **Plan a setting description**. Create a word bank using the template to plan for interesting words.
3. **Grammar focus on subordinate clauses**. Complete the sheet(s) to help remind you about using subordinating clauses to extend your sentences.
4. **Write a setting description**. Try to use subordinate clauses and interesting word choices to write a setting description. You could use the examples from earlier and internet research to help you.
5. **Edit and improve your setting description. Make your setting description better. You could** do this by:

* Improve at least 3 word choices (maybe include ARE words)
* Check for spelling, punctuation and grammar errors
* Improve sentence structure (maybe do this by improving sentence openers or checking you have used and subordinate clauses)

Below I have also included different ways you might like to explore learning about describing settings!

Practical and other ideas

Use outdoor resources to model a setting. Maybe create an interesting place for insects to explore.

Make a postcard. Describe the place on the postcard.

Write or draw a description linked to your new topic.

Think about somewhere that you would really like to visit. Try to convince an adult in your household to take you there by using brilliant describing (and persuasive) words.

Role-play that you are at your setting- hot seat people from the area, asking questions that someone pretending to be there has to answer. Maybe you could pretend you are at a beach- I miss the beach!!

Think about a lovely place you have been to or would like to go to. Write a description about it or try to draw or make it.

Model/make/draw a setting- taking care to get the fine details just right.

Write a job advert asking someone to come and work in your amazing setting.

Write a poem describing a setting.

Design a flag or ***football kit*** for people who live at your setting.

Bake something from a particular place- or in the style of a particular setting. For example, a cake that looks like the moon or salad that looks like a forest!