

St. John's Green's Awesome Authors

Dear Parents,

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to support pupils in their reading, I have been trialing an idea with a number of pupils to create their own storybooks. This has been to further help them with their understanding of stories, so that when they read, they do not just see words on a page but can learn to follow, comprehend and enjoy a story, as a complete reading experience.

These self-created storybooks are going to go into both school libraries for all pupils to read and enjoy, and eventually I hope to have a full section of pupil stories from Year 1 to Year 6.

A number of pupils have commented that they would like to create their own storybooks and so, due to this enthusiasm, I am opening up the concept to any pupils from Year 1 – Year 6 who wish to do so.

The story for the book needs to be of the pupil's own idea, they may need guiding with some parts of the story to make it flow. Ultimately, this is the pupil's story so even if parts of it do not make perfect sense or fully flow, they must feel they have been responsible for the whole book.

On the school's website are guides for creating the book, along with blank page templates for a picture book, a text only book, or a comic book. These can be found in the **PARENT INFORMATION – AWESOME AUTHORS** area.

There is no expectation for this work to be carried out at home; this is simply something for pupils to engage in for enjoyment.

Once they have completed their stories, they can bring in their own hard copies for me or email to school admin, with a request to forward to me.

I look forward to reading your stories.

Be inspired, be creative and have fun.

Many thanks,

Chris Payne (School Librarian)