

Year 4 - Diary Entries (Ice Explorers Unit)

Entry Point (Hook)		Exit Point (Writing Outcome)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children to dress up in their winter clothes and take part in a series of drama activities – potential trip to the Snow Village at Mall of Muscat 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write a series of diary entries from the perspective of an Artic/Antarctic explorer 	
Terminology		Text Structure	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colon Ellipse Brackets Comma Past Tense Adjective Noun Verb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adverb Preposition Determiner Question Mark Speech Marks Paragraph Apostrophe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 'Boxing up' grids Write an Introductory paragraph for Day 1 - Heading, Hook to engage reader, Factual statement/definition, Opening question Write separate paragraphs for each diary entry (middle sections) Write a paragraph for the final day - final comment to reader, what has been learnt/achieved, what's next Use a range of connectives and signposts (see Connectives & Signposts doc), including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction, Time, Ending Consistent use of past tense 	
Word Structure/Language		Sentence Construction	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Wow words, Powerful verbs & Boastful Language Prepositions – behind above along before between after next to by the side of in front of during through Two adjectives to describe the noun – The scary, old woman... Adverbs for description – e.g. Snow fell gently and covered the cottage roof Use of determiners 'a' or 'an' - according to whether next word begins with a consonant or vowel. E.g. a rock, an open box 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adverb starters to add detail – e.g. Carefully, she crawled along the floor of the cave. Amazingly, small insects can... Adverbial phrases – used as a 'where', 'when' or 'how' starter. E.g. A few days ago, we discovered a hidden box. At the back of the eye, is the retina. In a strange way, he looked at me. Prepositional phrases to place the action – e.g. On the mat... Behind the tree... In the air... 	
Punctuation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidate capital letters & full stops, question & exclamation mark Commas - for items in a list Commas – after 'ly' openers. E.g. Fortunately,.... Slowly,.... Speech marks – for direct speech Apostrophes – for singular possession. E.g. the cat's name is... 			

