

★ Script Writing Tips ★

Day four of our story activity is divided into two options. You can either role play the story combination we provided you with (this can be found on the Magical Story Jars YouTube channel). Dress up is optional!

Get to know the language of scripts:

Play: the stage representation of a story.

Script: the written text of your play or broadcast.

Scene: where (your story setting), when, and the surrounding environmental details where the current action in your play takes place.

Characters: the people or creatures in your play. For example, a roller-skating prince.

Narrator: a character who tells part of the story line but does not act in the play.

Dialogue: when your characters are speaking.

Action: What your characters do or what happens to them.

Stage Directions: a description of what needs to be acted or directions for the stage crew.

Stage Crew: a team of people who keep the show running smoothly and safely.

Alternatively, you could become a scriptwriter. Here are some super tips for writing scripts! This information is aimed at kids aged seven years and upwards.

A script is the written form of a play or movie. First plan your story out on paper giving it a beginning (setting the scene), middle (the problem) and end (the problem is resolved). You could do this by drawing scenes to show what happens. Next, list and describe your story characters.

Break up your short story into scenes. Scene one will describe your story setting, a deep dark wood. You can also use this scene to introduce any characters in the opening scene. A new scene takes place every time you change to a new time or place.

Remember, whilst your script is telling a story, you don't need to include lots of description. Just write what your audience will see and hear. The two most important ingredients in any script are *dialogue* and *action* (see the purple box opposite for more information).

When writing your script, remember that characters names are put in capital letters and stage instructions *should be in italics*. This will help to set the instructions apart from the dialogue.

For example:

PRINCE SWAGGLETRUMP: (*down on one knee*)
Please, I'm begging you to help me.

