

Y6 English - Week beginning 4th May 2020.

Day four and five- Planning and writing a diary as Harry Potter.

In chapter three of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Harry is excited by the prospect of starting a new school, far away from Dudley for the first time in his life. One day, Uncle Vernon tells Harry to fetch the mail. Harry notices a letter bearing a coat of arms that is addressed to him in, "The Cupboard under the stairs." Uncle Vernon grabs the envelope from him and shows his wife. Both are shocked. They force Dudley and Harry to leave the kitchen in order to discuss what to do. The next day, Uncle Vernon visits Harry in the cupboard. He refuses to discuss the letter, but he tells Harry to move into Dudley's second room, previously used to store Dudley's toys.

The next day, another letter comes for Harry, this time addressed to him in "The Smallest Bedroom." Uncle Vernon becomes alarmed. Harry tries to get the letter, but Uncle Vernon keeps it from him. The following morning, Harry wakes up early to try to get the mail before anyone gets up, but he is thwarted by Uncle Vernon, who has slept near the mail slot waiting for the letters. Though Uncle Vernon nails the mail slot shut, twelve letters come for Harry the next day, slipped under the door or through the cracks. Soon letters flood the house, entering in impossible ways. Uncle Vernon continues to prevent Harry from reading any of them. Enraged, Uncle Vernon decides to take everyone away from the house, but at the hotel where they stay, a hundred letters are delivered for Harry. Uncle Vernon decides on even greater isolation. On a dark, stormy night, he takes the family out to an island with only one shack on it. Inside, Vernon bolts the door. At midnight, as it becomes Harry's birthday, there is a loud thump at the door.

Your writing task this week is to become Harry Potter and write your diary. Use day four to plan out your diary and then day five to write it.

Imagine you're Harry Potter. No-one has ever cared about you or given you any attention then all of a sudden, mysterious letters are being delivered in your name and even more weirdly with specific rooms on the envelope e.g. the cupboard under the stairs and the smallest bedroom. How would you be feeling? What questions would you have? What would you be thinking? Why is your aunt and uncle being so secretive? Why aren't you allowed to read the letters-they are yours after all?

Remember a diary is a personal piece of writing that includes thoughts and feelings and of course is written in the first person and past tense.

Enjoy Y6 - Mrs Summerson and Mr Soulsby.

