

Handy Tips for your Kids

Encouraging children to write a story can not only boost their self-confidence and imagination, but also support their literacy skills. Here are some helpful tips to get your children started.

- **Where is the story going to take place?** It could be somewhere real or made up. City, town or countryside. Maybe even a planet or outer space.
- **When is it taking place?** Yesterday, today, tomorrow, in 20/40/100 years.
- **What is going to happen?** Remember this can change once the story is being written but it is helpful to have a basic plan which centres around: a beginning, then what, next and finally.
- **Characters.** Who are the people/characters in the book? What do they look like? How should readers feel about them? Are they liked/disliked?
- **Fabulous words.** Throwing in a few fabulous words always creates a good story. They don't have to be long or short.
- **Opening line.** Make the very first sentence of the story amazing. Try making it mysterious, shocking, funny, full of alliteration.
- **Proof read.** Once the story has been written, has your child checked it for mistakes, gaps etc
- Last but not least, have fun. **Enjoy and be proud of the story and that will shine through.**

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Short Story Competition 2015

Calling young writers...

Here's a chance to get your story published.

If you're in years 3,4,5 and 6 you can take part in the KalliKids Short Story Competition 2015.

All you have to do is write a 500 word story around the theme of Shine.

The winner in each year group will get their stories published in both hardcopy and e-book.

And the four schools with the most entries will win a creative writing session with author Joanna Rees.

How to enter... You can enter either by sending your stories to:

Kate Matthews, KalliKids Short Story Competition 2015,
Bishops House, South Road, Brighton, BN1 6SB

Or click to www.KalliKids.com/story-competition-2015

Closing date: 8th June 2015.