



# Christchurch Infant School

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## Year 2 – Free Writing Books



Dear Parent/carers,

This year, we will be continuing with a 'Free Writing' session each week. This is an initiative championed by the 'How to Train a Dragon' author Cressida Cowell to encourage children to write for pleasure.

The campaign, run in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, encourages teachers to set aside time once every week for their pupils to write creatively in their very own notebooks for at least fifteen minutes. Recent research shows that children's enjoyment of writing and how often they choose to write outside of school are both in decline. Children also reported facing major barriers to writing, including having trouble deciding what to write, finding spelling and punctuation holding them back and finding holding a pencil and forming letters correctly difficult. The 'Free Writing' campaign aims to promote a love of writing for all children and boost their confidence in the subject. Crucially these notebooks are not marked by teachers, allowing children to write freely and imaginatively without worrying about their work being corrected.



This week the Year 2 children will bring home a blank exercise book; this will be their new 'Free Writing' book. Please could you help them to personalise this special book and ensure that they bring it back into school with them on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. The children can personalise their books in any way they like, they could choose an exciting wrapping paper, stickers or draw on their own pictures. We only ask that the front cover includes their first name and 'Free Writing'. Please do not let children write in their new book, as this is for school use only. Below are some examples of how you could personalise your book.

Many thanks

Mrs Wilkins  
Year 2 Base Leader and Writing Leader

