



Second Level Literacy Home Activities

Listen or logon to the news. Listen to/read two news items. Note the main points in your jotter and use them to retell the items to a member of your family.



Think of an environmental issue which interests you – e.g. plastic pollution; recycling etc. Do some research and make a three-minute documentary where you are the presenter. Record yourself (and family member you might interview) and keep it for use in school at a later date.



Keep a diary for your days at home, detailing events and activities you are doing.



Select a chapter from a book. Having read it carefully, create five questions about it which you could give to one of your friends.

You should include different types of questions e.g. literal and inferential.



Log on to Sumdog Reading & Spelling. How many questions can you answer correctly?



Write a letter to a friend or relative Giving details of what you have been doing and find out what they have been doing by asking relevant questions.



Select a book of your choice. Having read a chapter or a few chapters begin to create a visualiser, continue to develop this as you read



Write a rhyming, acrostic poem about any subject of your choice.



Select an historical figure.

He/she is writing his/her autobiography.

- Create a title for the book
- Illustrate the front cover
- Write an introduction
- Write a 'blurb' for the back cover



Select a few stories from the news. Design the front page of your own newspaper. Remember to include:

- Title
- Price
- Date
- **Pictures**
- Headlines





Select words from books/newspapers/magazines and select appropriate spelling strategies such as syllabification, phonological knowledge, word patterns, mnemonics, spelling rules etc to ensure correct spelling.



Create a text, select a genre, audience and purpose of your choice. You could even word process this and save to share at a later date.

