

# The Wootton Park Extended Project – Short Story Writing



**Aim – To explore our current way of life through creative writing**

## **Task**

It's time to get creative and use our imaginations to think about what the future, post lockdown will be like. Using the title 'The first day' your challenge is to imagine and write about the first day you got to do something again for the first time.

The event could be anything from going back to school again for the first time, to going to the park with friends again for the first time or seeing (and hugging) loved ones again.

## **Primary**

Try to keep your story to within 500 words. Make it a really uplifting and happy story where you are celebrating the end of lock down.

You could chose to tell your story in pictures with captions, like a cartoon or comic strip, or in words. It's about getting creative and thinking positively about the future.

You could start your story with the following words:

*It was a very important day. It was a very exciting day. It was the first time...*

## **Secondary**

Try to keep your story to within 1000 words. Remember to create engaging and powerful settings for your characters to inhabit. The narrative also needs to build to a climax and could be left on a cliff-hanger or drawn to an effective ending with a resolution.

There are lots of great and entertaining examples of short stories that might give you some inspiration. One of my favourites is 'Lamb to the Slaughter' by Roald Dahl:

<https://www.classicshorts.com/stories/lamb.html>

Remember this is not a compulsory piece of work. It is supposed to be fun. If you want to submit your story so that we can publish it on the website, please send it to:

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