

## **THE WRITE STUFF SEND CATEGORY**

### **NOTES TO ASSIST THOSE WORKING WITH SEND STUDENTS**

These notes are intended to assist teachers and parents/guardians in supporting SEND students in the preparation of their entries for the Write Stuff Competition.

It is essential, as far as possible, that all support given is the same for all students.

- The suggested process of preparing and writing the Write Stuff entry should take place over several weeks.
- Children are introduced to a range of stories enjoyed as a class and also some for independent reading. For example, this year children may read about and research different celebrations from around the world, they may choose a title from the class library; ideally, the teacher will introduce a collection of different books on the topic- both fiction and nonfiction.
- The children may take part in some of the activities suggested in the Teachers' Pack, such as designing a party invitation, telling the rest of the class who they might like at their party- including famous people. They make make a collaborative board game.
- When they have chosen a book or activity they have enjoyed, the children may base their story on that. They will develop their story structure through story mapping, and peer discussion. They will then write their story independently using the Clicker 8 software (available to Guernsey schools) which helps to supplement their writing with vocabulary choices and assistance with structure.
- When they feel they have a story that they are happy with, staff will offer support by discussing sentences and their meaning, also discussing vocabulary choices. Importantly, the child's choices are respected; suggestions are only made if words are used out of context.
- We suggest that the stories are typed up on Google docs so that the students can revisit their efforts and, at this point, an adult will help them to achieve an appropriate word count. From 2024, a SEND entry must be 150 words or above (but must not exceed 300 words.)
- Once the student has discussed their final story with an adult and they are happy with it the entry is submitted.
- Throughout the writing process, the highest emphasis is placed upon staff encouraging writing which is as independent as possible.

### **ADDITIONAL POINTS:**

- Entries from students at Le Rondin, Le Murier and Les Voies may be made by bulk upload by email from teacher in charge.
- These entries must be sent to Anne Wilkes-Green [education@guernseyliteraryfestival.com](mailto:education@guernseyliteraryfestival.com) and include all essential information including the entrant's name, their school, their year group and their story title.
- All stories must be submitted online, not handwritten.
- The deadline is non-negotiable.
- The school will be notified of any winners, and we would ask for the teachers' assistance in confirming attendance at the presentation of prizes.