

Dear Story Writers,

If you are reading this it must mean that you have watched my video message and have decided to help me - thank you ever so much. Together I am sure we can get into the locked department. Below I have written up what stories we need to open the locked door and some suggestions on how to begin writing at home.

The Dwellings & Dominions Department urgently requires fascinating new stories about the places we live, the people who make up our family and the adventures you can have at home, for the permanent collection.

Stunning Stories, Amazing Articles and Illuminous Illustrations, all accepted.

There are many ways you could start to write a story about your home. Make sure to watch the video of my writing ritual and then feel free to use the following examples as inspiration, or come up with your own ideas as a family.

You could:

- Interview an older family member about their childhood home.
- Play a game of hide and seek as a family to find exciting hiding places to explore where fantastical stories could begin from.
- Imagine the first family who lived in your home: who were they, where were they from, what did they do for a living? If your house is new, what was there before? Perhaps there once was an ancient castle there, or a secret spy tunnel or even a portal to another world?
- Sit in a circle and take turns saying one word at a time to make a spoken story together. Don't decide on the plot before - see where your words take you.
- Draw a picture of your favourite room in your home and reimagine it. Could this room turn into a train station platform? Could there be magical creatures flying around?
- Make up your own writing ritual together, this could include a poem that you say aloud.

All of these are starting points. You may use one or all of them, or you may come up with your own ideas. The beginning of a story can come from anywhere. It could start as just a flicker of light that grows with every sentence. Everyone has an exciting story to tell, what is yours?

Once you have written your story, read it aloud and put it under your pillow at night. Only by sharing it will your story reach me.

All the best,

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