**Good Afternoon Everyone** - staff, children (at home or in school) and parents (at home or work). Week 4 of term 6! We have spent the whole week laughing and giggling at the old Laurel and Hardy films, linked in last week’s newsletter. Then we had to find some crazy trousers to celebrate with Wallace and Gromit, before challenging each other to a skipping contest. What a week…especially in the rain!

**24TH JUNE IS NATIONAL WRITING DAY 2020**  National Writing Day is an annual celebration of writing designed to inspire people across the UK to get writing. The message is simple: ***everyone has a story to tell and sharing it can be a source of pleasure and power.* On 24th June 2020,** we are aiming to inspire creative writing on a grand scale. Young people are inspired to write creatively if they see adults around them doing so and writing can benefit people of all ages. We are therefore asking and encouraging every one of all ages to write! You can write anything you want - any genre, fiction or non-fiction, a postcard, comic, diary…..it’s completely up to you.

You could also explore other professions linked to writing. What does an illustrator do? Can you illustrate your own writing? Pick up a picture book. These are the stories we start to read with, but did you know there are older children and adult picture books, beautifully illustrated to inspire you to create your own story to accompany them. What about the importance of engaging characters? We all have our favourite characters in stories, who can forget the awful Mr and Mrs Twit or the ‘not so scary’ Gruffalo? What makes people love these characters? Can you create a character who is wonderfully heroic or repulsively horrid? We all love a goodie and a baddie!

**THINGS TO INVESTIGATE ONLINE** Henry VIII was born on 28th June, 1491 at Greenwich Palace in London. Famous for having six wives, the young King Henry was said to be handsome, clever and fun in contrast to his father, Henry VII. The portraits we see are often Henry in later life, but we must remember that as a young man he was over six feet tall and loved jousting, hunting, composing music and throwing big, expensive parties! The Tudor era was a time of great change. New ideas were emerging about science, art, design and culture, and great sailing expedition’s uncovered new lands. Henry wanted to show off all his wealth, from palaces he inherited, such as the Tower of London, to new magnificent palaces such as Hampton Court Palace.

Learn more about the Tower of London at [https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/tower/history-of-the-tower-of-london-top-facts-about-the-tower/#](https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/tower/history-of-the-tower-of-london-top-facts-about-the-tower/) from its buildings and the changes which have been made over the years, the monarchs who have lived there (as well as the animals) and some famous residents of the Tower. You can also find out more about Hampton Court at <https://www.funkidslive.com/hampton-royal-palace/> and take a tour at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShXPG0PJkYo> This is one of Miss McLoughlin’s favourite places to visit!

We hope you enjoy writing, creating and learning more about some of our most historic buildings!

 Miss McLoughlin and Mrs Courtney