



West Moors Middle School

Heathfield Way, West Moors

Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 0DA

Telephone: 01202 872474

Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

www.westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition

500 Words is now open for entries, so it's time to get writing. [Submit your stories here](#) before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.



There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

The BBC would love children of all abilities to enter; **spelling, punctuation and grammar** are not marked - it's all about creativity.

50 finalists will be invited to go to a glamorous [grand final](#) at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities.

There are also lots of [prizes to be won](#) - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners also win 500 books for their school library.

Not only that, the winning stories will receive an original [illustration](#) from **Dapo Adeola, Nigel Parkinson, Lydia Monks, Momoko Abe, Rob Biddulph or Yasmeen Ismail**.

This is a very exciting opportunity for the children to express themselves through writing and share their incredible imaginations. We therefore encourage all the pupils in Years 5 to 7 to participate in this superb creative writing event organised by the BBC.

Kind regards,

Mrs Watkins



Thriving to Achieve our Best – Together
Head Teacher: Dr D Craddock PhD MA BSc (Hons) NPQH

