

EXTRA MILE CHALLENGE SPRING 2019

BBC Radio 2 500 WORDS COMPETITION

Now in its 9th year, BBC **Radio 2 '500 Words'** is one of the most successful story writing competitions for children in the world and is open to every 5-13 year old in the UK. Its mission is to get children excited about reading and writing, regardless of their ability.

Nearly half a million children have written a story over the years; that's over **277 MILLION words!**

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words.

Following on with our success in other national and local competitions Ferndown Middle School will be holding their own challenge to write a story that could be entered into this national competition. Check out the tips page for where to start, and look out for workshops held by Mr Bebbington to help you develop and plan your stories.

Go for it! Good Luck

Closing date to follow so get started now!

TOP TIPS



- Have a look at the Radio 2 500 Words website: it's packed with ideas and inspiration.
- Make sure your story is your own original idea.
- Look out for details of Mr Bebbington's writing workshop.
- Write out your story in rough, and then edit it carefully.
- Give your story a snappy title.
- Use a dictionary or a Thesaurus to help you spell words correctly and to use interesting adjectives.
- Read your story out loud—does it make sense?
- Once you are happy with your work, copy it out in your best handwriting or type it up on a word document.
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- Hand in your completed story to Mrs Bolton in the library in time for submission to the competition.
- Good Luck!