

## Year 1 Writing Challenge

Week commencing 30 March 2020

Dear Children,

This is a very strange time. Schools are closed and everyone is at home. This has never happened before. It's so unusual that I'm sure that children in the future will be studying this in their History lessons!

One way we know about what happened in the past is by **diaries** that people have written. A man called Samuel Pepys kept a diary during the Great Fire of London and this is how we know so much about what happened. You could find out more about Samuel Pepys here:

<https://primaryfacts.com/2896/samuel-pepys-facts-about-the-famous-diarist/>

For your writing challenge this week, we would like you to start a diary of your time at home.

Each day's diary entry should start with the date at the top, and then you should write what happened that day.

Check out Mr Wilkinson's writers' tips below:-

### How to write a diary

- **Start with the date.** I like to write it in full (Monday 30th March 2020). You need the date so people who read your diary know when something happened.
- Try to write what happened **in the order** it happened (do you remember the posh writer's word we use for this – **chronological order**)
- Talk about how you felt about things (try to use better words than happy or sad!)
- Write in the **past** tense (I did, we saw, there was, etc.)
- Try to add detail – the more detail you add the more useful your diary will be in the future.

If you bring your diaries in when we come back to school, we can look at them together.