

This week, we would like you to imagine that you are the woodcutter from the 'The Great Kapok Tree' story.

You have fallen asleep but have heard the messages from the animals. You don't know whether you were hearing them for real or whether they were in your dream.

The important part is that you definitely heard, and understood, the different messages which change your mind about cutting down rainforest trees.

Write a diary, showing the thoughts of the woodcutter, after his experience in the rainforest.

He should explain some of what he had heard and how his mind has changed.

What are we looking for?

- 1st person
- Past tense
- Chronological order – *in time order of when things happened*
- Time conjunctions (*e.g. first, then, after a while*)
- Detailed descriptions
- Include thoughts, feelings and opinions.

How might you get started

I've just had the strangest dream – or at least I think it was a dream. Earlier today, I strode into the forest with my axe ready to chop trees for the big boss. Standing in front of me was a huge tree with the most enormous trunk. I didn't know how I would ever cut it down on my own. The sounds of the blows of my axe rang through the forest and, in the intense heat, sweat dripped down my forehead. It was exhausting. After a while, I sat to rest at the foot of the tree and must have drifted to sleep. This was when the dreaming began – or at least I think it was a dream.

One at a time, voices spoke to me. Each had an urgent message to pass to me. First there was a hissing sound and the voice told me that this was a tree of miracles and was their home. Still hissing as it spoke, the voice said that generations of its ancestors had lived there. Then, as the voice continued, it urged me not to chop down the tree. Before this, I had never thought about a tree being home to anything. It made me think about how I would feel if someone took my home away.

We think that if you choose to write about the messages that **three** different animals give then you will have written a lengthy piece. You can do more if you would like to 😊.

Editing

When your writing is complete, it is time for you to edit. Use a different coloured pen to show your changes, just like you do in school, but it doesn't have to be a purple pen.

Check and edit your diary

I have used the first person throughout my writing.	
I have written in the past tense.	
I have used time conjunctions.	
I have included some description. Can you include an expanded noun phrase?	
I have expressed my thoughts, feelings and opinions – in the character of the woodcutter. Show how his opinion changes.	
I have checked for capital letters and full stops.	

This is also on a word document for you to use if you prefer.
Or you can just refer to this one.

Your final piece of writing

Over the last few weeks, we have been sent some photographs of some wonderfully presented final “published” pieces of writing. It has been so great to see the pride that has been taken with presentation.

For today’s final piece, please think about how to make your piece look attractive and appealing to the reader.

Keep your work with your other published pieces to create your own special writing portfolio.