**CREATIVE WRITING LESSON PLAN**

**Writing a Diary Entry**

Diary entries are often used in writing to give us an insight into a character. Here are some things to think of when writing a diary entry:

**Writing in the first person** - *Make sure your character refers to themselves as “I” throughout.*

**Informal language** - *Writing a diary entry isn’t like writing a letter as it isn’t intended to be read by anyone. This means your writer can us more informal language, as if they are talking to a friend.*

**What are they writing about?** - *Even if the language is informal, it still needs to be exciting! Think about the sort of things someone might write in a diary and make sure your language matches the content.*

**“Dear Diary”** - *Okay, it can be a bit like a letter...* *Many people start their diaries with ‘Dear Diary’ and sign their name at the bottom. Would your writer do this?*

Activity

* Practice by writing your own diary entry of something that has happened to you!
* Once you’ve got the hang of it, choose a character from your favourite book or film and write a diary entry about something that happens to them in the story. You could even write diary entries for different characters about the same event, getting their sides of the story!