**CREATIVE WRITING LESSON PLAN**

**How to Write A Script**

Writing a script can be a great way to bring a story to life. You could write a script for one of your favourite scenes from a book, or about something that has happened to you.

*Here are some things to remember when writing a script:*

**Setting the scene:** A script should start by letting the reader know where the action is taking place. You can write this in brackets (like this) to show that it isn’t something that is spoken by one of the characters.

*Example -* (At the beach)

**Speech**: When someone does speak, you can show this by writing their name on the left hand side of the page, then a colon ( : ) followed by what they are saying.

*Example –* SANTA: Ho, ho, ho!

**Stage directions:** Like setting the scene, these aren’t spoken by a character, but are meant to give instructions. They tell the actors what to do. Also like setting the scene, you can put these in brackets.

*Example* – (Santa made a sandcastle)

**Show don’t tell:** You can tell your actors how to say their lines (by putting words like ‘sadly’ or ‘angrily’ next to what they say), but it’s much better to choose the right words so that it is clear how your character is feeling.

*Example –* SANTA: Hooray! Look at my sandcastle! Don’t you think it’s marvellous?