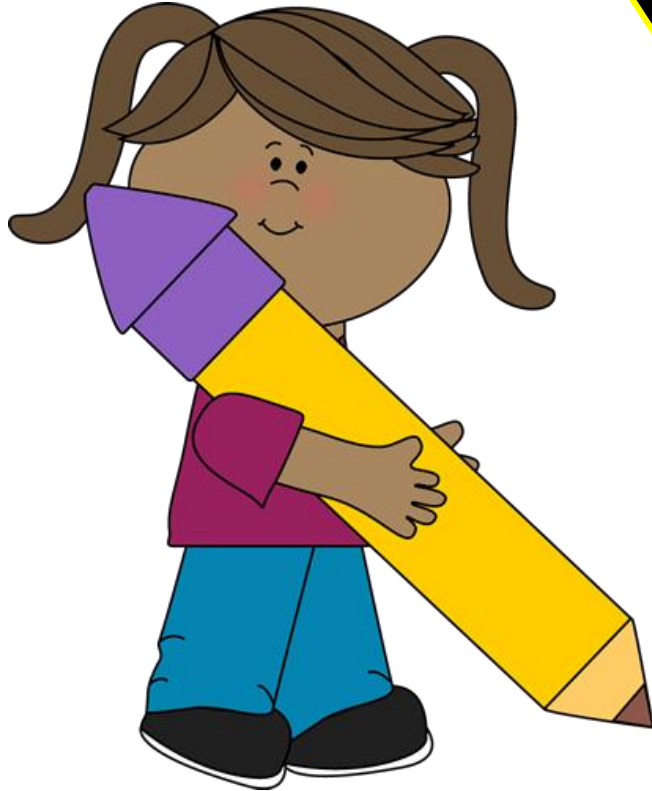


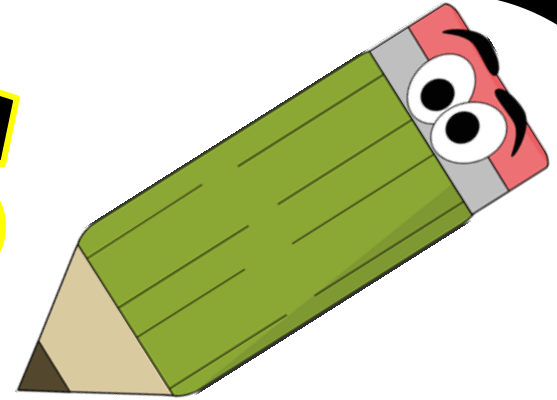
WRITING

GENRES



Writing for a purpose
with a specific
audience in mind

GENRES



WHAT ARE THEY?

A writing genre simply means a type or style of writing. Often, the audience and the purpose of the writing will determine the particular writing genre chosen. Likewise, the genre of writing chosen will dictate the format and the style of language used. It is important to have experience of writing in many different genres. The following pages explain the different writing genres.

NARRATIVE

WHAT IS IT?

It tells an imaginative story involving characters in a setting with a problem to be solved. Sometimes it is called fiction writing.

EXAMPLES

- ▣ Boy gets lost in a jungle, chased by wild animals
- ▣ Daughter of wealthy prince kidnapped from palace
- ▣ Children uncover a plot to rob a bank



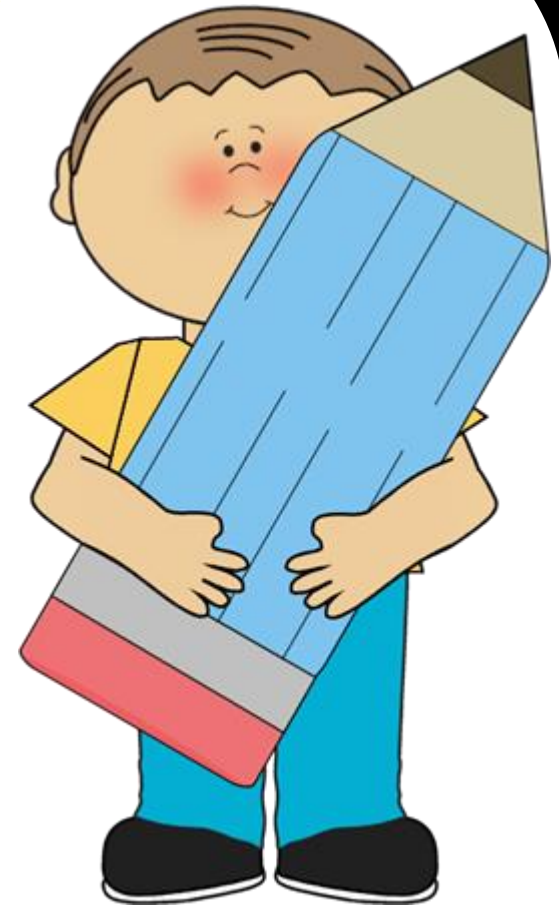
RECOUNT

WHAT IS IT?

It tells what happened in the order in which it happened (chronological order). It can be personal, factual or imaginative.

EXAMPLES

- ▣ Our school tour to the zoo
- ▣ Witness account of a traffic accident
- ▣ Writing a diary entry for a character in a book



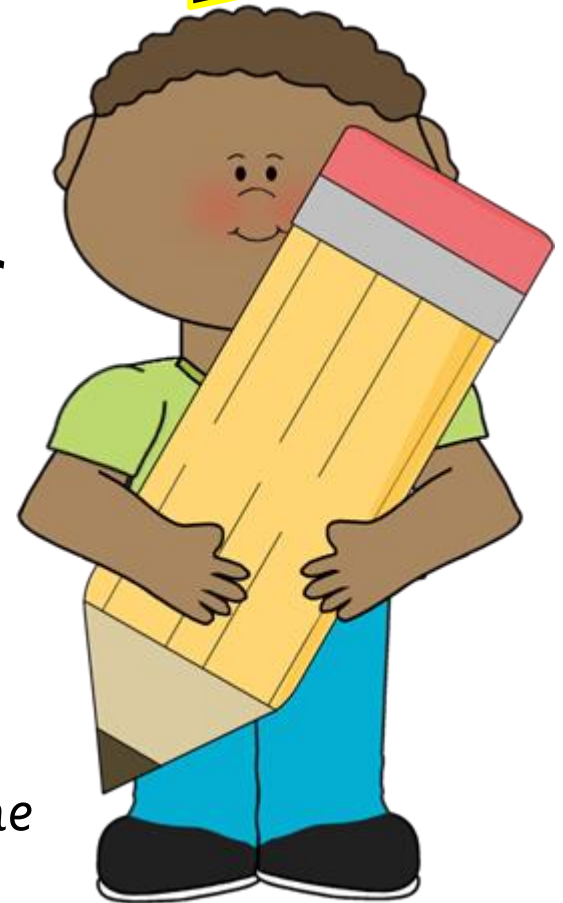
PROCEDURAL

WHAT IS IT?

This explains how to do something in a series of sequenced steps.

EXAMPLES

- ▣ Outline rules how to play a game
- ▣ Recipe writing: how to make a sandwich
- ▣ Outline how to walk to the library from home



REPORT

WHAT IS IT?

This involves writing a report which describes the way something is. It is usually factual writing.



EXAMPLES

- ▣ Write a report on the problem of homelessness
- ▣ Write a report on Irish squirrels
- ▣ My favourite toy

EXPLANATION

WHAT IS IT?

This involves a written explanation of how something works, or the process involved in how it works.

EXAMPLES

- ▣ Explanation of how a computer connects to the Internet
- ▣ Explanation of how and why dams work
- ▣ How wind can be used to produce energy



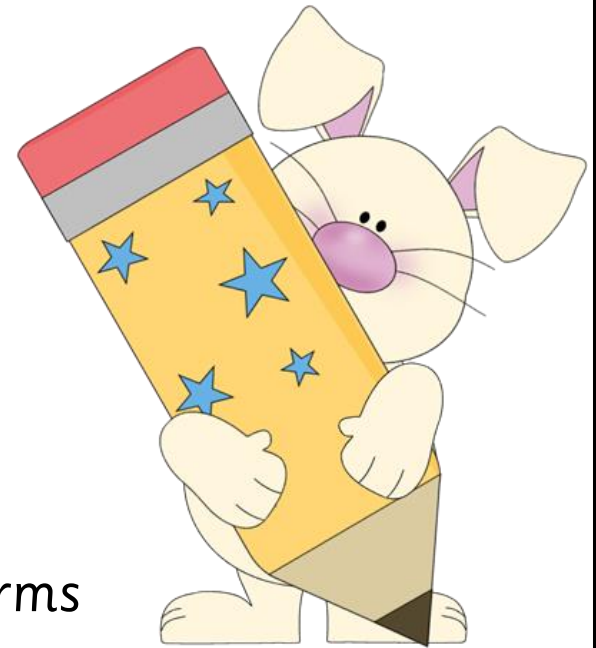
PERSUASIVE

WHAT IS IT?

This involves writing an argument either for or against a point of view. The purpose is to persuade the reader to agree to your arguments.

EXAMPLES

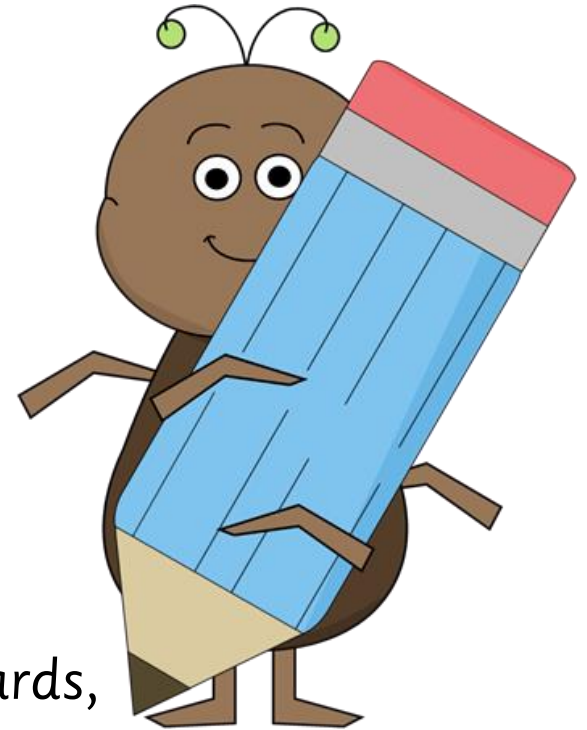
- ▣ Pupils should not have to wear school uniforms
- ▣ Write a letter of complaint to a politician
- ▣ Write an argument for or against the actions of a character in a novel



SOCIAL

WHAT IS IT?

This type of writing can be formal or informal and its purpose is to make or keep contact with another person.



EXAMPLES

- ▣ Invitations, “Thank You” Notes, greetings, cards, messages
- ▣ Write an email
- ▣ Write a Social Media post eg. Twitter, Instagram