

Purple Mash World Book Day Writing Competition: Hope

To enter the competition, children should pick one of the following writing activities:

A Paragraph or Two about Hope

A short piece of writing about what hope means to you, your family, friends, and people in your life.

OR

A short piece of writing about hope for the planet. You could write from the perspective of a sea creature who hopes to stop accidentally swallowing plastic. You could write about hope for a world where there is more kindness and support for everyone.

A Poem about Hope

Write a poem on the theme of hope. Choose a poetry format that suits you. Perhaps you'll write a hope acrostic, or haiku. Maybe you'll opt for a ballad or you could forget about rhyming and type in free verse. The choice is yours.

A Letter on the theme of Hope

You could write a letter to someone you miss. You could write about all the things you hope to do together in the future.

OR

You could write to Hope as if it is a person. Tell Hope what you like about him/her and where you have seen and heard him/her.

Why write about hope?

Hope is abstract. If hope isn't something we can see or hold, you might wonder why we need it in our lives. Hope gives us fuel to carry on through challenging times. Hope helps us to feel positive about the future.

Expanding and developing ideas about hope

Children might find it difficult to draw or describe an abstract noun such as hope. Help children visualise hope in the form of concrete examples such as a party invitation, an exciting date on a calendar or bright green shoots poking through drab winter soil, giving hope that spring is coming. Get them to think about the sounds of hope, such as parents' voices making plans to see family and friends or morning birdsong giving hope that warmer months are coming. Ask children to consider what hope would feel like to touch. Would it be warm or cold? Can they explain why. What kind of smells make them feel hopeful? If they could choose a colour to represent hope, what would it be and why.