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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are excited to share a fantastic opportunity for your child to take part in the **BBC's 500 Words writing competition**—the UK's most successful short story writing competition for children!

Open to children aged 5 to 11, the competition encourages young writers to unleash their creativity and write an original story in 500 words or fewer, on any topic they like. It's a fun and inspiring way to build literacy skills, boost imagination, and develop confidence in writing.

Key details:

- Entries must be submitted to class teachers by **Thursday 6th November**.
- Stories must be written by an individual and be the child's own original idea.
- Entries must not contain any personal details of the child, including their name.

Fantastic prizes are on offer, and winners will have their stories read by celebrity guests on BBC Radio.

We would love to see as many of our pupils as possible get involved. If your child is interested, please encourage them to start drafting their story at home, and feel free to reach out if they need support or ideas.

For more information visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/500words>

Happy writing!

Mrs McKay
Writing Lead

