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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Corsham Regis we are always focused on ways in which to teach age appropriate and relevant writing skills to our pupils. Our most effective strategy in achieving this is using 'a Cold Write'.

What is a Cold Write?

A Cold Write is a writing task set by the class teacher at the start of the writing topic. The topic is based on the genre the children will be learning about. For example, if the class is learning how to write a set of instructions, the cold write will be instruction writing. This task is then completed **independently** in order for the teacher to assess where the children are.

Why do we use a Cold Write?

We use a Cold Write with our children to accurately assess what skills they are already able to use when writing specific genre skills, as well as identifying their overall strengths in writing. Additionally, a Cold Write allows us to identify the next steps in their development as writers. Your child's teacher will then send your child individual feedback with some points to focus on.

So what do I need to do?

When your child is set a Cold Write, please take the time to explain the task to them and then leave them to get on with their writing. You will most likely want to give them pointers about what to include or spellings, or they may ask you for help. Please, please refrain from doing so because their class teacher needs a clear picture of what they can and cannot do. You can however praise them for their independent effort when they have finished and sent it to the class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

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