

# Letter of encouragement

**School: Moorlands Primary School**

<b>Date:</b>	21 October 2021
<b>Audience:</b>	Y5 and Y6 children
<b>Focus:</b>	Moderation of Writing

Dear Children of Y5/Y6

I have been in school today looking at your English writing and discussing it with your teacher. It may surprise you to know that I have in fact been looking at your writing, every term since you were in Year 1!

This is my job. I go from school to school looking at children's writing to see how good it is and identify how they might improve. At the end of June, we make a final decision on what standard has been reached by every child. This is then compared with every child across the whole of England.

The Covid pandemic has had serious implications for learning. Children have not had access to their teachers for all of the school year and learning has been badly disrupted. When I look at Y5 and Y6 writing in other schools, it is understandable that many children are struggling or are finding many aspects of writing difficult.

This is NOT the case for you as you start Year 5/6. I am amazed at how well you write for the beginning of Year 5/6. You write meaningfully and with a clear purpose. Your writing is interesting and with good ideas. I want to read more!

You have clearly worked hard to stay on track and reach a good standard. I know your teacher simply loves books and you can never stop her talking about them, so I know you have a good teacher. But although a good teacher is important, you need to be a good learner too. And that is what you are! Very well done indeed! I can see you write with passion and interest. This will always put you in a good position, not just this year and next year, but will help you stand out in Secondary School. Indeed, a passion for good books and good writing will serve you well your whole life through.

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There is always more to learn of course, and I know your teacher will teach you all you need to know to reach the standards required this year. I would particularly like to point out two things for you all to consider.

1. Please pay attention to your handwriting. This is an area which needs improvement for many of you. Please ask your teacher for guidance on this as each person is different.
2. Spelling can often be difficult in the English language and often needs checking. Hopefully you have dictionaries, and this will help, but it is important to learn how to check and correct your work. It is an important skill to learn and again will serve you well throughout life. There is no magic solution to be good at spelling. You just learn by checking and noticing how words are spelt when you are reading.

Thank you so much for letting me see your writing. I am looking forward to reading some more later on in the year. Please make it an exciting read!

All the best to you.

Very well done indeed!

**Thank you**

*Mr D Moss*