

SHOPPING FOR FABULOUS FICTION

Imagine you could take a large shopping trolley and fill it with things to put into your story to make it amazing. This sheet lists all the things you should be thinking about in Year 4.

The Essentials

**These are the basics that every story needs. They should already be in your trolley!
Without them your story will not make sense.**

- Capital letters to start sentences - and for proper nouns (such as names, cities, countries and days of the week)
- Full stops at the end of sentences.
- Using the past tense correctly when writing about things which have already happened.
- Making sure that plurals are used correctly
- Correct spelling of the basic key words learnt before Year 4 (and displayed in the classroom)
- An effort to use joined handwriting
- A clear beginning, middle and ending - which follows a logical and clear sequence

The Extras

These are things which you have been learning about that will help you write a more interesting story.

- Use commas to extend simple sentences
- Use commas in a list
- Use connectives (such as because, however, finally, next, while, although) to extend sentences
- Add adjectives to sentences to make them more descriptive
- Add adverbs to sentences to make verbs more descriptive
- Use exclamation marks and question marks to end sentences where appropriate
- Use speech marks to show when someone is talking
- Start to use more exciting vocabulary (even if it is not always spelt correctly)



The Luxury Items

Adding these things correctly to a story make them extra special

- Paragraphs to organise story
- Similes and metaphors to give greater description

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NEEDS TO BE DONE JUST BEFORE THE 'CHECK-OUT'
YOU MUST**

'CHECK IT!'

*IF YOUR STORY HAS MISSING WORDS, OR INCORRECT GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION, WHAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN
WILL NOT MAKE SENSE TO THE READER.*

AFTER ALL YOUR HARD WORK

IT IS WORTH TAKING THE TIME TO MAKE SURE IT IS THE BEST YOU CAN DO!