

Year 4 Red Kites

English

Spring 1

Winter's Child The Selfish



Recount

Recounts retell an encounter or an occasion that already happened in the past. We may write these to advise, entertain or to reflect and analyse. Writing a recount can focus on a single section of an event or retell the whole story.

Features:

- Written in chronological order (in the order that events happened).
- Written in the first person (diaries and letters).
- Written in the past tense.
- Use time connectives (words that join phrases or sentences together to help us understand when something is happening).

Diary Entries

These are a form of recount in which the writer explains what has happened to them.

- Start with "Dear Diary".
- **Describe** the places where events happen.
- Write in the **past tense**.
- Use first person pronouns like I, my, me and we, to show that events happened to you.
- Talk about what you felt or thought when each event happened.

Informal Letters

An informal letter is the type of letter you would write to someone you know, for example a friend or family member. They're written in a style that is more friendly and familiar in comparison to a formal letter which follows strict rules about layout and style. Informal letters are more flexible when it comes to following these rules and can take on many different forms.

A friendly opening and close. A date.

Informal and chatty language. Written in first person.

Addresses of the sender and recipient (depending on the type of letter)

	Key Vocabulary	Definition
Winter's Child	accessible	Easy to reach or get into.
	beckoned	To use a physical gesture to call someone over to you.
	blizzard	A powerful snowstorm.
	empathise	To know how someone else is feeling, even when you aren't in the same situation.
	fierce	Intense, strong.
	glistening	Sparke and shine with light.
	heavy heart	In a sad or miserable state.
	imagery	The use of very descriptive language to appeal to the reader's senses.
The Selfish Giant	innovate	In make changes, to do something in a new way.
	sleigh	An open usually horse-drawn vehicle with runners for use on snow or ice
	aggressive	An action or threat of action that is intended to harm another person,
	attributes	A quality or characteristic given to a person, group, or some other thing.
	conflict	A challenge to the way a person thinks or behaves.
	discrimination	Unfair treatment of one particular person or group of people.
	enforce	To force or cause something to be done or to happen.
	prohibited	Not allowed.
	prosecute	Holding a trial against a person who is accused of a crime to see if that.
	segregation	Separating people, historically on the basis of race and/or gender.
	trespasser	A person who goes onto someone's land or enters their building without permission.

Sequel Stories

A sequel is a story, book, or film that comes or takes place after another story, book, or film. The opposite is called a prequel. Sequels have important parts of the first story, like characters and places.

Direct Speech Punctuation

Inverted commas: Punctuation marks - " " - used to demarcate direct speech in a sentence.

Direct speech: Where the exact words spoken are represented and shown in inverted commas.

Dialogue: A conversation or speech that is written down as part of a piece of narrative text.

Calum said, "I want an ice-cream." "I want an ice-cream," said Calum.

To become an expert at writing dialogue, add in extra information:

Whilst stamping his feet and waving his hands towards the cart, Caleb shouted, "I want an ice cream!"

Paragraphing

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Start a new paragraph when there is a change in:

- TIME**
- PLACE**
- TOPIC**
- PERSON/SPEAKER**