

## Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2023

All children in Years 1-6 are invited to enter our school history competition!

The challenge is to write your own historical story. There are three special prizes on offer for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place along with 100 house points and a certificate. There will be three additional runners up, each receiving 50 house points and a certificate. The top six entries will all have their stories collated into a display book which will be kept in the library for all children in the school to read and take inspiration from. There may even be an opportunity for the top entries to be entered into a national competition later in the year!

### The theme: Coronation

2023 is the year of a royal coronation. You can set your story in any period or place across the world in the past, so long as it links to the theme of coronation. Your story can be about a real coronation and the events surrounding it - whether it's an Egyptian ruler, the last French king or perhaps the first English queen; or it might be a fictional coronation but in an accurate and real historical context that hooks into some of the symbolism and themes around coronation.

Your historical story must include a convincing setting in a past time and place. You can set your story in any historical period or place in the past.

The following aspects must be included in your story for a chance of winning:

- **Historical accuracy** - even down to the choice of names characters are given and any props additional to the historical setting.
- **A riveting read** with a good plot!
- **A convincing story** - i.e. is it plausible that these events, objects and/or this character could have existed at the time?
- **Use of historical knowledge** to feed the plot, context and character.
- **Effective use of historical vocabulary and literary effect**, including where dialogue is included in the story.
- **Creative and interesting perspectives of story-telling.**
- Your story should be **between 400 and 3500 words.**

### Entry rules

1. Entries must be received no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
2. Entries may be typed or handwritten, but must be legible if handwritten.
3. Stories must be between 400 and 3500 words long.
4. Child's name, age and year group clearly identified on the entry.

Please hand in your historical fiction entry to your class teacher by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 if you would like to take part! If you have any questions about the competition, please let me know.

I look forward to reading your wonderful entries!

Mrs Graves (Humanities Coordinator)