What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read six texts.

- Read *Texts 1-6*.
- How are they different? What do they have in common?

2. Reflect on the texts.

- Choose two of the texts to work with.
- Read the questions on Reflection Prompts. Think about your answers or tell them to somebody else if you can.
- Choose 5 or 6 of the questions and write your answers as sentences on Reflection Answers.

3. Revise the features of Persuasive Writing

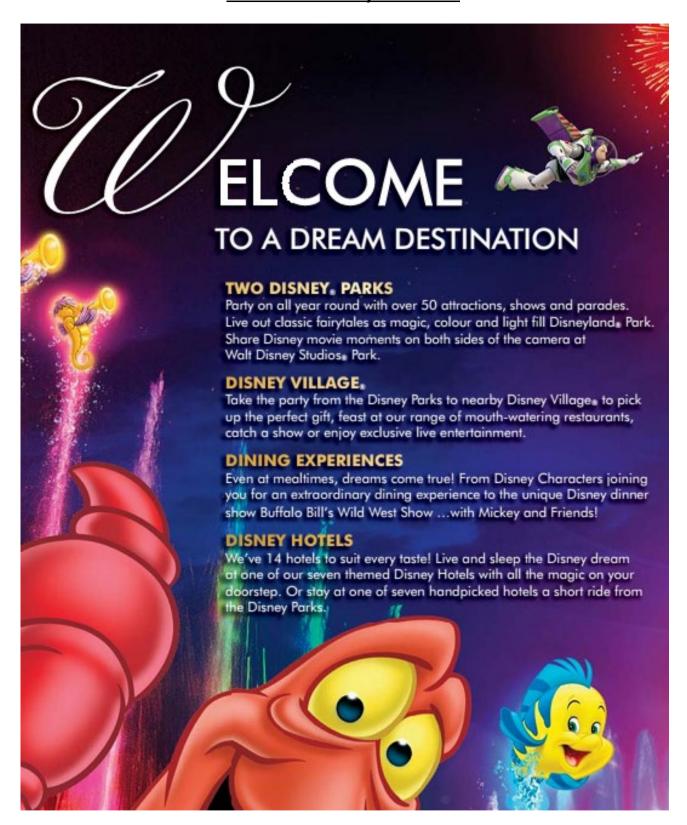
- Use the Revision Card to remind yourself about the features of Persuasive Writing.
- Choose 5 of the most important features and make a poster; using words and pictures to explain them.

Try the Fun-Time Extras

- Can you invent a new holiday destination and make an advert for it?
- Can you invent a new chocolate bar and design its wrapper?
- Can you design a climate change protest placard?

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Text 1 - Holiday Brochure







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Text 3 - Bread Advertisement



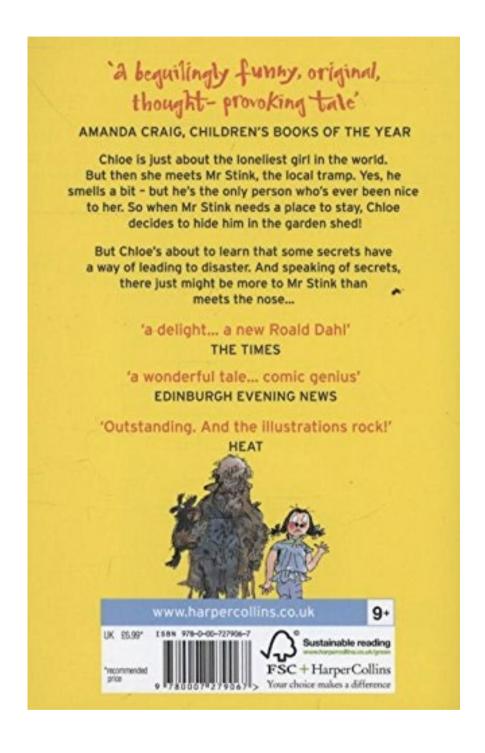
Text 4 - Letter to the Editor (An extract)

I wish to draw your attention to a problem which must be dealt with. As a local Dear Sir, citizen and park volunteer, I must urge that the council ban ball games in the park. There are three main reasons why this has to done.

The first and most important reason is the damage caused by ball games. Our delicate blooms and fragile flowers are squashed and broken every time a large, heavy ball is sent blasting through the flowerbeds. These rough games encourage thoughtless youths to skid and slide across our carefully tended lawns, leaving deep gouges like scars. Perhaps thousands of pounds of damage is caused by this violent pastime. How much more money will be wasted before good sense wins?

My second point refers to the risks to people and animals caused by aggressive ballgames. The park is used daily by many families with young children and older people who may be unsteady on their feet. It is clear that balls crossing paths like bullets may cause painful injuries to those innocently passing by. What about our nrecious wildlife? Our nark should be a safe haven for the curious squirrels and

Text 5 - Book Blurb



Text 6 - Protest Placards – 2019 Children's Strike for Climate Action



Reflection Prompts

What is the **purpose** of each text? Who do you think is the **audience** and why?

How is persuasive writing **different to a report**?
Use an example to explain why?

Which text is the **most effective** for you? Explain why this is.

Can you find examples of **word play**? (alliteration, repetition, lists of 3, simile, contrasting pairs)

What effect does this have?

What other **language tricks** of persuasive writing can you spot?

(exaggeration, rhetorical questions, opinion presented as fact)

Which examples play on our **emotions**?
Explain what emotions they want to trigger and why.

Find some examples of **powerful noun phrases**.

Explain why they are powerful.

What **types** of persuasive writing are here? Which ones are not included?

Reflection Answers

Purpose and audience	Persuasive writing is different to a report – how?
Examples of word play	Examples that play on our emotions
Examples of powerful noun phrases	Language tricks
Types of persuasive text	Which is the most effective? Why?

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Revision Card - Persuasive Writing Features

Purpose

 To persuade someone to think or do something

Audience

 Very dependent on topic and type – anyone who needs persuading by the writer

Types of Persuasive Text

- Advertisement
- Holiday Brochure
- Letter to Editor
- Blurb
- Poster/flyer
- News article/editorial
- Political pamphlet
- Protest song

A persuasive text must:

- Grab attention
- Be credible
- Be convincing
- Give reasons
- Be clear

Persuasive Language Features

- Present tense
- Conjunctions for cause, contrast, condition
- Adverbs for lists, cause, contrast, attitude
- Emotive language
- Strong images/word play*
- Deliberate ambiguity
- Rhetorical questions
- Daring reader to disagree
- Opinion as fact

Structure of Formal Texts

- Introduction
- A series of points, each of which are explained further
- Summing up

Word Play/Imagery*

- Alliteration
- Repetition
- Onomatopoeia
- Simile
- Metaphor
- Exaggeration/hyperbole
- Contrasting pairs
- Lists (esp. of 3)

Produced with reference to Sue Palmer's Advanced Persuasion Book

