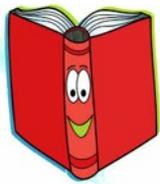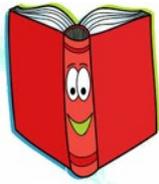# Calling all writers!
123ICT's Create an E-Book Competition is here!

We thought it would be really good if our early spring term competition was to create an e-book as this would allow entrants to share their e-books in school during any literacy events that you may have planned to coincide with World Book Day, on Thursday the 5th of March. The competition is divided into two categories:

- **KS1. Simple Story or Factual E-Book.** To create an illustrated fiction or non-fiction e-book, which can be a simple story created by them, the retelling of a traditional story, or a simple factual book of their interest. The entries can be created and submitted using a variety of computer software and iPad applications.

- **KS2**. **Fiction or Non-Fiction E-Book.** The KS2 e-book can be fiction, or non-fiction. It can have added sound and animation and it can be written for a KS1 audience, or for KS2 consumption.

This is the third of our new-style competitions and will attract points towards our fabulous new '*123ICT Computing Champions League*'. The submitting schools for each competition will be awarded the following league points:

- First Place – 60 Points
- Second Place – 40 Points
- Third Place – 20 Points

In addition, each school that enters the competition will be awarded 10 points and the first, second and third places will also receive certificates.

We will maintain and publish the league table throughout the year and at the end of the year, we will present, in addition to a Computing Champions League winners trophy, a very desirable prize to the winning school. The runner-up school will also receive an excellent prize and runners-up trophy. The prizes are currently being sought from our suppliers and full details will be announced on our competitions blog towards the middle of the academic year.

Full details about this competition, our planned schedule of competitions for the year and our new *123ICT Computing Champions League* can be found on our website computing competitions page: https://123ict.co.uk/123ict-computing-competitions/

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In addition to the obvious literacy opportunities that this competition will undoubtedly create, it will also allow the children the chance to practise and improve upon their word processing and desktop publishing skills. This has been a highly successful competition in the past and each of the entries that we have received in our previous years competitions have been really outstanding and a great example of how to use technology to support Literacy in schools; we really hope that this year the competition will prove to be equally as successful.

Ideas for your E-Book:

KS1 - The idea is to create an illustrated story or factual e-book. This can be a simple story written by the children themselves, the retelling of a traditional story or a simple factual book of their interest. The short illustrated story should be complete with: colourful illustrations, a beginning, middle and end structure, front cover, back cover and an interesting blurb. Non-fiction entries should be complete with some interesting information, illustrations with captions, contents and an inviting cover.

KS2 - The KS2 e-book can be either fiction, or non-fiction. It can have added sound and animation and it should be written for a KS1, or KS2 audience. Fiction entries should be in the form of a short illustrated story, complete with: colourful illustrations, a beginning, middle and end structure, front cover, back cover and an interesting blurb. Non-fiction entries should be complete with interesting information, illustrations with captions, contents and index lists, whilst also possessing an inviting front and back cover.

The entries can be created using a variety of computer software and iPad applications, such as MS Office (Word, Publisher, PowerPoint), 2Simple Software's Create a Story / Superstory, the Book Creator App, or similar. Entries should be submitted as PDFs if possible; however, if audio or video has been added, the original file can be submitted as an email attachment, or by sharing.

For ideas and inspiration, why not look at the previous year's fantastic e-book competition entries? Their galleries can be viewed from the links on our competitions archive: https://123ict.co.uk/123ict-computing-competitions/computing-

Competition Guidelines

- These competitions are intended for both **Key Stage One and Two children**, including age appropriate entries from special needs schools.

- Each **123**ICT school is entitled to submit one entry per year group to each competition.

- As usual, judging of all entries for our competitions will be carried out by the **123**ICT team, calling upon any additional expertise necessary to assist in that judgement.

- The winning entries, along with all other submissions, will be published on our website http://www.123ict.co.uk and will also be notified to our schools during the second half of the Spring Term.

- Entries should be e-mailed as attachments, or shared, to competitions@123ict.co.uk. A reply e-mail will be sent to all submitting schools to confirm receipt.

- **Closing date**: the end of the first half of the spring term. Entries from schools that are using the **123**SOW can be submitted at any time but if they are received after the closing date for the current year, they will be entered into the following year's competition.

Should you have any further questions regarding the competition, please e-mail them to me at the above competitions address or speak to your **123**ICT Consultant who will be happy to assist you.

Good luck, I look forward to viewing your entries.

Andy Campbell (**123**ICT Competitions)

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