**Monday 13th July**

**Writing the story opening.**

Last week, you boxed up your story – How to Train a Dragon.

Now you need to use your boxed up plan and to start writing your story.

Remember to use varied sentence openers, expanded noun phrases and a variety of clauses in your sentences. “Show not tell” sentences are really powerful too!

**Opening**

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| Our story takes place in a faraway land where dragons rule and torment the villagers. Sat high above a glassy, mirror like lake is the village of Scarrsguard. The ruler of this village is Chief Erik, who is a fierce warrior. However, his son – Hiccup – does not share his father’s reputation or beliefs. Many of the villagers think of him as a waste of space and a disappointment for his father because of his timid and reserved manner. | Introduce the main character | **Your Plan****Place – Bishopthorpe****High above the shore – near the sea****Main character – Thor and his son Scarr****Thor is a mighty warrior and Scarr is an embarrassment to him – he is useless** |

Look at the WAGOLL and your plan, then write your own version of the WAGOLL.

Example:

Our historic tale begins in a distant land, where deadly dragons descend and terrorise the local, innocent towns’ folk. Perched high above the shore, overlooking the vast Mediterranean Sea is the small, quaint dwelling of Bishopthorpe. The great leader of the town is Chief Thorr, who is a mighty warrior. His son – Scarr – is a complete embarrassment to Thorr and many of the towns’ folk see him as being useless and always making terrible mistakes. No-one can believe that one day Scarr could become their powerful, impressive leader.

Your turn: Write your story opening