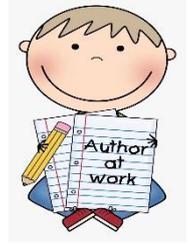


# Independent writing activities – you decide!

## The Curiosity Shop



For **Wednesday and Thursday's** English activities, I would like you to produce a piece of creative writing about The Curiosity Shop. It is up to you what you do!

You could:

- Write a **descriptive guide book** for the Curiosity Shop- explaining what the shop is like inside, what or who you might find there, descriptions of mysterious items that can be bought there. You might create it in a leaflet style book with pictures included.
- **Write a poem** about the shop or about Mr Obediah.
- Create your own **wanted poster** with a detailed description of what/who is 'wanted' and why they are wanted.
- Write a **story** based on this picture. I have included some story starters below that may inspire you or you could use your own!
- Write a **diary entry**- it could be from your point of view after visiting the shop or from Mr Obediah's point of view about a day in the life of the shop.

- Or anything else you can think of! I would love to see these pieces of writing when they are finished.

**Do not forget that I will be looking for:**

- Use of **accurate punctuation** (particularly full stops and capital letters!)
- **Joined up handwriting** (if you are writing by hand)
- **Writing at length**
- **Careful spellings**
- **A range of sentence types**, simple sentences/ compound sentences (joined with co-ordinating conjunctions- such as **and, for, but, so**) and complex sentences (joined with subordinating conjunctions- because, although etc).
- Try to start your sentences in different ways, for example, **fronted adverbials** such as, suddenly, after lunch etc
- Use description, such as **adjectives, similes, metaphors** etc.

I would love to see **Year 6 quality writing!** You have 2 days to complete this- so edit your work and take care and time over it. Feel free to present it as you wish too! I'd love lots of photos to put on our **Hall of Fame** for Friday!

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## **Story starter ideas:**

He drummed his long, wiry fingers on the counter, waiting for his next customer.

The Curiosity Shop attracted the strangest of visitors, drawn to the unique range of peculiarities within. There was certainly more to the shop that met the eye, and people travelled from far and wide to peruse the bizarre collection.

Mr. Obadiah (the owner) had resided behind the counter of this wondrous shop for as long as anyone could remember, and was now regarded far and wide as the finest purveyor of bizarre oddities and trinkets; a collection to excite and mesmerise even its most impartial visitor.

As the next customer arrived, Mr. Obadiah opened his moustachioed mouth to speak...