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Short Story Tips

- A story needs to have a beginning, a middle and an end. Is there a clear storyline? Does the story start and finish in a different place?
- Create original, exciting characters and ask yourself "What if my character did that?". This will help develop a great idea into a great story.
- Read your story out loud. Not only will this help with grammar and punctuation, but it will also help you work out how it will really sound to a reader.
- Don't be afraid to edit or re-write.

Poetry Tips

- What do you want your poem to do or achieve? For example, do you want to communicate how you're feeling, or maybe you want to describe an event?
- Use words to create images, senses and smells.
- See what other people see but use your creativity to look at it in a different way.
- Consider the theme and what it means to you, and then use your poem to express that view/opinion/response.

Photography Tips

- Think about the shot first. What do you want it to capture or communicate?
- Think about how to frame the shot - whether it's filling the frame with your chosen image so no space is wasted, or drawing attention to something in particular by framing it within the picture.
- How can you use light (and shade) to make your photo better?
- Consider perspective, i.e. could you crouch or lie down to take the photo, or maybe elevate your position?

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