

Exceptional Times – Project in a Day

Today we are going to have a go at doing what people have done for thousands of years, in different ways, when faced with exceptional times... Create a diary account of the events and how you feel about them...

Although many of you may be thinking 'here goes Mr Webb with another writing activity', actually I'm only partially suggesting this - there are other ways too...

Try out this range of activities – have fun...

Diaries – a history (part 1)

From the earliest years of human civilization people have recorded what they have seen and their experiences.

From cave paintings and storytelling they passed on their knowledge, it is only fairly recently that we began writing in any recognisable language, around 5,000 years ago. I know 5,000 years seems like a long time but when scientists have evidence of humans going back around 200,000 years it is very short time indeed.



Create your own early human diary images

Why not try creating your own images in a cave painting style – please do not draw on your parents walls – paper will be fine...

Hopefully there aren't too many Bison wandering around Templecombe so you'll need to draw things from nowadays but in a cave painting style.



Diaries – a history (part 2)

A very famous diary writer recorded some astonishing events over 300 years ago.

Access the presentation about Samuel Pepys back on our webpage (Project in a Day) to find out more about what he wrote about.



Create your diary

Get creative with whatever you have to hand and make your own diary or if you'd prefer to use technology for your diary create a front page that, through pictures, tells the reader all about you.



Write a diary (paper or digital)

Go through the presentation to remind yourself of the key features of a diary. This is back on our Project in a Day page. There are lots of teacher words in there so if it all starts to feel a little much don't worry and focus on:

- Writing as yourself (use I)
- Write about what has been happening
- Explain to your diary how you feel – it is a really good place to get these feelings out



Feel free to share your project creations by emailing me or Mrs Mewett – we'd love to see how you got on... Imagine in 300 years' time someone might be reading your diary to find out about these exceptional times... Mr Webb