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THEME OF Creativity THE WEEK

Dear Students,

As anyone who's borrowed a book from DHS Library can attest, Miss McMillan is a chronic doodler! This week we're thinking about ways you could be creative at home – from epic doodles to draw-a-longs, crafts, competitions and more. As always, we'd love to see what you come up with! If you give any of our suggestions a go, please do share them with us via Twitter @DHSLibraryLT, @LibraryChhs and @LCHLibrary. We hope you enjoy our ideas and most of all, have fun!

WRITE SOMETHING

Do you constantly find yourself inventing stories? **Authorfy** is a fantastic resource for budding writers, featuring hundreds of masterclasses with some of favourite authors! You'll not only hear extracts from brilliant novels but gain an insight into the writing process of best-selling writers such as **Cressida Cowell**, **Piers Torday** and **Abi Elphinstone**. Most authors also set their own writing challenges based on themes or topics explored in their own books - why not give one a try?

DRAW SOMETHING

If you're just in need of a little inspiration to get drawing, check out **Pobble**. Every day, a new picture is uploaded to the site, with accompanying prompts! If you'd like a little more guidance, take a look at author and illustrator Rob Biddulph's **#DrawWithRob** series. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am, Rob posts a new draw-along video on his website. On 21st May, from 4:00 – 4:30pm, Rob even teamed up with **Art World Records** in an attempt to host the world's largest online art lesson!

BUILD SOMETHING

Check out **popularmechanics.com** for a list of fun DIY projects to build at home, featuring everything from mini catapults to backyard rockets. You don't need fancy tools to give them a go – for a budget ukulele you only need an empty detergent bottle, fishing line and a few other basic supplies you likely have scattered around the house. Make sure to enlist the help of an adult before you give any of them a try – be safe and avoid blowing yourself up!

WRECK SOMETHING



Canadian artist Keri Smith is the author of several books about creativity, including the **Wreck This Journal** series. Through a series of quirky prompts,

Wreck This Journal encourages wild creativity - poking holes in pages, adding photos and defacing them, colouring outside the lines, ripping pages, spilling drinks and much more! Forget about perfectionism: this is brilliantly barmy fun!

BRILLIANT BOOKTUBE

Leap into the wonderful world of **Booktube**! This vibrant Youtube community of booklovers are known for creating animated shorts, reviewing books, hosting literary discussions, and interacting with authors! Sanne Vliegenthart of **booksandquills** has an MA in Literature and blogs about everything from chick-lit to YA sci-fi. Teenage author Lucy Powrie – aka **lucythereader** - shares her thoughts on her favourite books as well as her insights into the writing industry. If you're passionate about books, why not practice writing scripts or filming your own vlogs at home? Who knows – in a few years, maybe you could be Booktube's next big thing!



Lucy Powrie is the author of **The Paper & Hearts Society**, a novel about book clubs, friendships, embracing your inner nerd and *finding your people*!

MAKE SOMETHING

There are lots of craft tutorials available online – **Pinterest** is a great place to start! The **World Book Day** website has lots of suggestions for fun projects filed under **Make and Do** – their **Make A Book** tutorial is one of our favourites! Miss McMillan is a huge fan of polymer clay, which hardens when baked in the oven - download her **Hogwarts Owl** tutorial to create your own mini Hedwig at bit.ly/2LEJJ1O. **DayOutWithTheKids** also has a list of 100 indoor activities to try at home, including 36 crafts. Pick your favourites or challenge yourself to complete them all!

CREATE A QUIZ

Taking part in quizzes is a great way to have fun at home and to stay connected with friends – especially with the help of technology. Everyone has an area of expertise, whether you're a science whiz, video game fanatic or Marvel movie buff. Why not try writing a quiz to challenge your friends and family? Be creative: you could include picture, music or drawing rounds. Check out www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes for inspiration!

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

This week, we wanted to share our favourite ways to be creative!

Miss M loves drawing and has been honing her skills by sketching *Dungeons and Dragons* characters!

Mrs P likes to try and use photos to make personal gifts. She's made calendars, photo-collages & even a comic!

Mrs B enjoys all things yarn, fabric, and wool. She likes crochet best, but is currently working on a cross-stitch cushion cover!