

Year 3 Weekly Challenge

This week we are challenging you to write a **short story** from the point of view of an urban animal or bird during lockdown. 'Urban' means living in or close to a town or a city. You could choose a pet or a wild animal. With far less people about, the towns have changed quite a bit for animals, and there have been reports of some changing their behaviour. Some examples can be found in this news story: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/gallery/2020/apr/22/animals-roaming-streets-coronavirus-lockdown-photos>

Imagine you are writing from the point of view of a certain animal whose life has changed in the past few weeks. Give us a peek inside their mind as they try to make sense of lockdown and how this is changing their daily life. Include other animal characters too, and have them talk to each other if you like. Research as much you can online, or perhaps if you get out for a walk you can keep a closer eye on nature around you to inspire your writing. Try and include good writerly tactics, including speech punctuation and how someone is saying something; varied sentence starters; and conjunctions such as because, so, while, as, to extend your sentences.

We can't wait to see what you come up with.

The Year 3 Team