



## 50 Word Flash Fiction Writing Competition

Derby Book Festival launched its 50 word Flash Fiction Writing Competition on Monday 30th March. This year's theme is 'Home'. We hope it might be a way to encourage writing - having a limit on words can help the least enthusiastic child and the theme of home is something they're even more familiar with at the moment!

There are three age categories:

- 11 years and under
- 12 – 17 years
- 18 years and over.

There will be one winner in each category and each will win a £50 book token.

Derby Book Festival's Flash Fiction Competition is for a **story of up to 50 words** on the subject of '**Home**'.

**All entries must be made online using the form on the Festival website:**

<https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/flash-fiction>

The winning stories will be illustrated and then printed as a **set of bookmarks** to be distributed across Derby and Derbyshire to promote the Festival.

The theme last year was 'Our World'. Here's the winning story from the under 11s category, which was won by Nana from St Joseph's RC Primary School:

**Story title: Deep Down Under**

*Story: Silversweep darted through the water at the tail of her pod. She hadn't eaten but was still optimistic, expertly hunting for prey. In the corner of her eye, she spotted a stray fish. Darting towards it, Silversweep snapped, swallowing the rubbery meat. It tasted wrong. She realised too late; plastic.*

The closing date for the competition is Tuesday 2nd June at 10pm (with judging planned to take place in July).

### Espresso (Discovery Education)

Espresso is one of the services we pay for at Markeaton with resources suitable for children in Foundation to Year 6. They offer flexible resources that can be adapted to many learning scenarios.

To log in go to [www.discoveryeducation.co.uk](http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk)

You'll find our school's username and password on the PMX email sent with today's bulletin.

When visiting their website, click "Login" from the top-right of the page and select Espresso to enter the username and password.

In future, you'll be able to find this link on the Home Learning page of our website under 'Paid resources'.



### Daily Phonics Lessons

The English Hub have provided information about how parents can access daily phonics lessons from 27th April 2020, via YouTube.

Lessons are mainly for Foundation and Year 1 pupils but may also be useful for older children who need additional support with phonics.

More info about this is in the letter on the last page. A copy of this letter is also available on the Home Learning page of our website in the 'Reading' section.

<http://www.markeaton.derby.sch.uk/Home-Learning>

## Free online courses from Derby Adult Learning Service

Want to gain a new skill? Learn something new? Or simply have fun during lock-down? Derby Adult Learning Service may be able to help! Derby ALS is offering a range of [free online courses](#) ranging from wellbeing to art, history to French. There's something for everyone.

Courses start in April and May and are available throughout the coronavirus pandemic. To find out more, go to the [Adult Learning website](#) or email ALS enquiries (on [enquiries@derby.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@derby.gov.uk)) who can offer help and support.

You could also learn to teach children and adults swimming! StreamlinED online courses can help you in this new career. The courses are live, real-time and include online SEQ Level 1 Swimming Assistant (Teaching) and Level 2 Teaching Swimming Courses. Once trained Derby Active are looking for your skills in the Learn to Swim Team!

<https://www.adult-learning-derby.org.uk/>

## Virtual lessons from DCCT

Derby County Community Trust (DCCT) have launched daily virtual lessons covering a range of activities. Lessons don't have to be accessed on a particular date or time, but they've put together a timetable to help. The resources for Tuesday's lesson are on the next two pages.

WEEK 1	Topic	Overview	This Week's Session...	Link to Lesson
Monday	Resilient Rammie	These lessons are designed to increase resilience, self-esteem and teamwork.	Focuses on what we mean by 'resilience'	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmQsggpRJFO">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmQsggpRJFO</a>
Tuesday	Reading Stars	These lessons aim to stimulate literacy engagement in children who love football.	Focuses on how to choose the right book	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNvcW5aPd9c">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNvcW5aPd9c</a>
Wednesday	Physical Education	These lessons will provide simple to follow PE activities to enjoy together to enable children to continue to develop their skills. The activities have been adapted so you don't need to be in PE kit or have lots of equipment.	Focuses on underarm throwing	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vuDG6TYWY8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vuDG6TYWY8</a>
Thursday	Matchday Maths	These lessons use physical activity to engage and motivate pupils around key numeracy skills.	Focuses on the kick off and place value	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeEsBEfa6dc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CeEsBEfa6dc</a>
Friday	Physical Activity	These sessions will encourage children to be physically activity with a different sport theme each week. All activities have been developed so everyone can have a go using equipment found in the home and in whatever space you have available.	Focuses on physical activity using golf	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sws4oqXuWZw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sws4oqXuWZw</a>

## **Mascot Madness!**

### **Becoming a Matchday Mascot with Derby County Football Club**

Be a Derby County Football Club Mascot with our mascot Rammie!!

The day is packed with adventure going behind the scenes with a stadium tour, a visit to the changing rooms and much more!

You will then get to walk out with the players and meet the match officials at kick off, before watching the game from the stands all for free!

We also invite you to take penalties against Rammie at half time! It just doesn't get better!

This adventure costs absolutely nothing, but you would need to part of our Rams squad to have a go!

Once you have signed up to be part of the Rams squad you will put onto a waiting list! This list is really long and you could be waiting up to 4 years for your Mascot Adventure!

If you'd rather not wait... we also offer as a different adventure which is called Rammies Special Guests! Do not wait get in touch quick!

1. What is Derby County's Mascot called?
2. Where can you go during your adventure?
3. Who can you meet on your adventure?
4. How much does this adventure cost?
5. What is a different adventure you could go on called?

## **DCFC Club Facts**

### **About the Stadium**

Pride Park Stadium has been Derby County's home ground since 1997 when the club relocated from its former home, The Baseball Ground. As well as Rams' home games, the stadium is used for a range of non-matchday activities including conferences, weddings and other sporting events. In recent years, the stadium has hosted concerts by major international music artists, monster trucks and international friendly football matches and boasts a capacity of 33,597 seats.

### **Key Players**

Wayne Rooney has recently become a crowd favourite for Derby County after transferring from D.C United in America. He has also played for teams such as Everton and Manchester United in his career.

Martin Waghorn joined the Rams back in 2018 after transferring from Ipswich town. He is a key part of the Derby County squad and has also played in Scotland for Rangers.

### **Club History**

Derby County began life in 1884, as an off-shoot of Derbyshire County Cricket Club - formed some 13 years earlier - with football growing more popular. In those days there was no Football League, so the Rams had to make do with a series of friendly matches and the FA Cup.

### **Recent Years**

Former England international midfielder Frank Lampard was appointed as the club's new manager on 31st May 2018 and oversaw a memorable 2018/19 campaign. Derby finished sixth to secure a Play-Off place and also enjoyed a memorable run to the Fourth Round of the Carabao Cup.

Derby reached the Play-Off Final against Aston Villa, but suffered a 2-1 defeat to miss out on a place in the Premier League. Their place at Wembley Stadium was secured following a stunning comeback against Leeds United In the Semi-Finals, overcoming a 1-0 First Leg loss at home to win 4-2 at Elland Road and 4-3 over the two ties. In doing so, they became the first side in Championship Play-Off history to turn around a First Leg defeat at home to reach the Final. Lampard departed in July 2019 to return to Chelsea as their Head Coach and was replaced by former Dutch international star Phillip Cocu.

1. What is the name of Derby County's home ground?
2. How many people can the stadium hold?
3. Which other 3 club teams has Wayne Rooney played for in his footballing career?
4. Which team in Scotland did Martyn Waghorn play for?
5. When was Derby County Football Club founded?
6. What was the score in Derby County's Semi Final Play off Second Leg game against Leeds United in the 2018/19 season?
7. Who did Derby lose to in the Play Off final at Wembley in the 2018/2019 season?
8. What is the name of Derby County's Manager?

**Starts Monday 27th April 2020**



**KEEP YOUR CHILD'S PHONICS LEARNING  
ON TRACK WITH OUR DAILY LESSONS,  
DESIGNED AND DELIVERED BY EXPERTS**

**12 weeks of summer-term lessons using the same  
Letters and Sounds programme as your child's school**

Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to let you know that your child can receive a daily phonics lesson whilst schools are closed. Phonics is the way we teach children to recognise the sounds in words. It helps your child to learn to read and is an essential part of your child's education.

During the summer term, you will be able to access for your child a daily phonics lesson by clicking on [Letters and Sounds for home and school](#). All lessons are introduced by celebrities, including children's TV presenters, which adds an exciting addition to the lessons.

There are three sets of daily lessons to choose from and we suggest your child starts with one set of lessons most suitable to their year group **and** reading ability. If you're not sure which lessons your child should watch or your child finds the lessons too difficult, then your school should be able to recommend which lessons are the most appropriate for your child.

From Monday 27 April, a new phonics lesson will be uploaded everyday, Monday to Friday, at the times below during the summer term. \*After upload, each lesson will then be available to watch at any time during the summer term.

**11 am\***

**Learning to blend**

**For children in Reception and Year 1 who need extra practice sounding and reading words such as 'tap' 'cap' 'mat' 'pat'**

**10 am\***

**Reception Summer term**

**For children who can confidently blend and read words such as 'fish' 'chat' and 'rain'**

**10:30 am\***

**Year 1 Summer term**

**For children who can confidently blend and read words such as 'stamp' 'chair' and 'green'**

After watching each lesson, we encourage you to read aloud to your child and, if your child has reading books from school, listen to your child read. More information about phonics and how to help your child can be found in our [parent/carers video guide](#). Further guidance on how you can help your child continue their education at home is available in [Help primary school children continue their education](#).

The online lessons are designed to follow the phonics programme your child has been learning at school and are the only online Letters and Sounds lessons approved and funded by the Department for Education.

As with all online content, parents and carers are advised to supervise their child's use of the internet. Further guidance and support on the use of online materials can be accessed from websites such as [ParentInfo](#) and [Internetmatters.org](#)

We hope you will find the new phonics lessons useful to support your child's learning during this unprecedented time.

[Watch Letters and Sounds at home and school with your child by pressing Control and click here](#)