## **DESCRIPTIVE WRITING - STRATEGIES**

- Use the 5 senses
  - smell, touch, taste, hear, see
- Descriptive adjectives
  - e.g. clean and crisp snow, noiseless forest, beautiful golden hair, musty cupboard
- Similes/Metaphors/Personification
  - Similes cold as ice, swim like a fish, as light as a feather
  - Metaphors her eyes were diamonds, the snow is a white blanket, she is an early bird
  - Personification the story jumped off the page, the light danced on the surface of the water, the sun smiled down on us
- Alliteration and onomatopoeia
  - Alliteration the blue ball bounced on the path, a big bug bit the little beetle
  - Onomatopoeia the mouse went squeak as it ran across the room the sausages are sizzling in the pan
- Do not add characters or dialogue to descriptive writing (you can include people but only if describing them from a distance, physically and thoughts wise.