

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

### What to do today

*IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.*

#### 1. Watch a poetry performance again

- Watch the performance of 'The Great Realisation', following the words as you do.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4&t=5s>
- Use the *Sorting Table* to note down all the positive and negative images and ideas that you can find in this poem. Can you find some ideas that are a mix of positive and negative?

#### 2. Think about a possible future

- Think about how you would like the future for the world to be.
- Try to think of six hopes. Record them with words and pictures on *What kind of future?*

#### 3. Write a persuasive letter

- Plan a letter to your MP about the future that you would like for the world, using the *Planning Guide*.
- Carefully write your letter. You can find out your MP and their address here: <https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

*Well done. Show your letter to a grown-up. Explain your ideas to them. You could send your letter to your MP, if you would like to.*

#### Try the Fun-Time Extra

Interview other people about their six hopes for the future of the world. Are there any you share? What could you do to help them to happen?



we filled the sea with plastic  
because our waste was never capped  
until each day when you went fishing  
you'd pull them out already wrapped

and while we drank, smoked and  
gambled  
our leaders taught us why  
it's best to not upset the lobbies  
or convenient to die.

but then in 2020  
a new virus came our way  
the governments reacted  
and told us all to hide away.

But while we all were hidden  
amidst the fear and all the while  
people dusted off their instincts  
they remembered how to smile.

they started clapping to say thank you  
and calling up their mums  
and while the car keys gathered dust  
they would look forward to their runs.

and with the skies less full of voyagers  
the earth began to breathe  
and the beaches bore new wildlife  
that scuttled off into the seas.

some people started dancing  
some were singing, some were baking  
we'd grown so used to bad news  
but some good news was in the making.

and so when we found the cure  
and were allowed to go outside  
we all preferred the world we found  
to the one we'd left behind

old habits became extinct  
and they made way for the new  
and every simple act of kindness  
was now given its due.

*but why did it take a virus  
to bring the people back together?*  
sometimes you've got to get sick my boy  
before you start feeling better

now lie down and dream of tomorrow  
and all the things that we can do  
and who knows if you dream hard enough  
maybe some of them will come true

we now call it the great realization  
and yes since then there have been many  
but that's the story of how it started  
and why hindsight's 2020.

*By Tom Roberts*

## Sorting Table

Negatives	Uncertain	Positives
<p data-bbox="210 336 629 376"><i>Families stopped talking</i></p> <p data-bbox="192 440 647 480"><i>Filled the seas with plastic</i></p>	<p data-bbox="846 336 1357 376"><i>A world of waste and wonder</i></p>	<p data-bbox="1552 336 2024 376"><i>The earth began to breathe</i></p>

**What kind of future?**


# Planning Guide

Who? What? Why? When? Where?

Title: I am arguing that

**Intro**

**My first point...**

Give ideas which support your points.

**My second point...**

**My last point...**

**In conclusion...**

Remind your reader what you have been persuading them to do

# Letter to MP



A large rectangular area with a decorative border. The border consists of a repeating orange and black zigzag pattern. Inside the border, there are 18 horizontal lines, creating 17 rows of space for writing.