

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 - Day 1

# The Children's Bookshow

A charity called 'The Children's Bookshow' is encouraging everyone to **write a letter** during this time. **Writing** is one of the most helpful things you can do during a time of stress and mixed emotions. The slower pace of putting pen to paper allows you to order your thoughts and find some clarity. We know some of you have already been writing to each other. 😊

## Letters During Lockdown Project

The charity has asked much-loved authors and illustrators to write letters, which can be shared with children, about what they are doing in lockdown and how they are coping.

**LO: I can identify the key features of an **informal** letter**

a relaxed, friendly  
and unofficial style

### Task

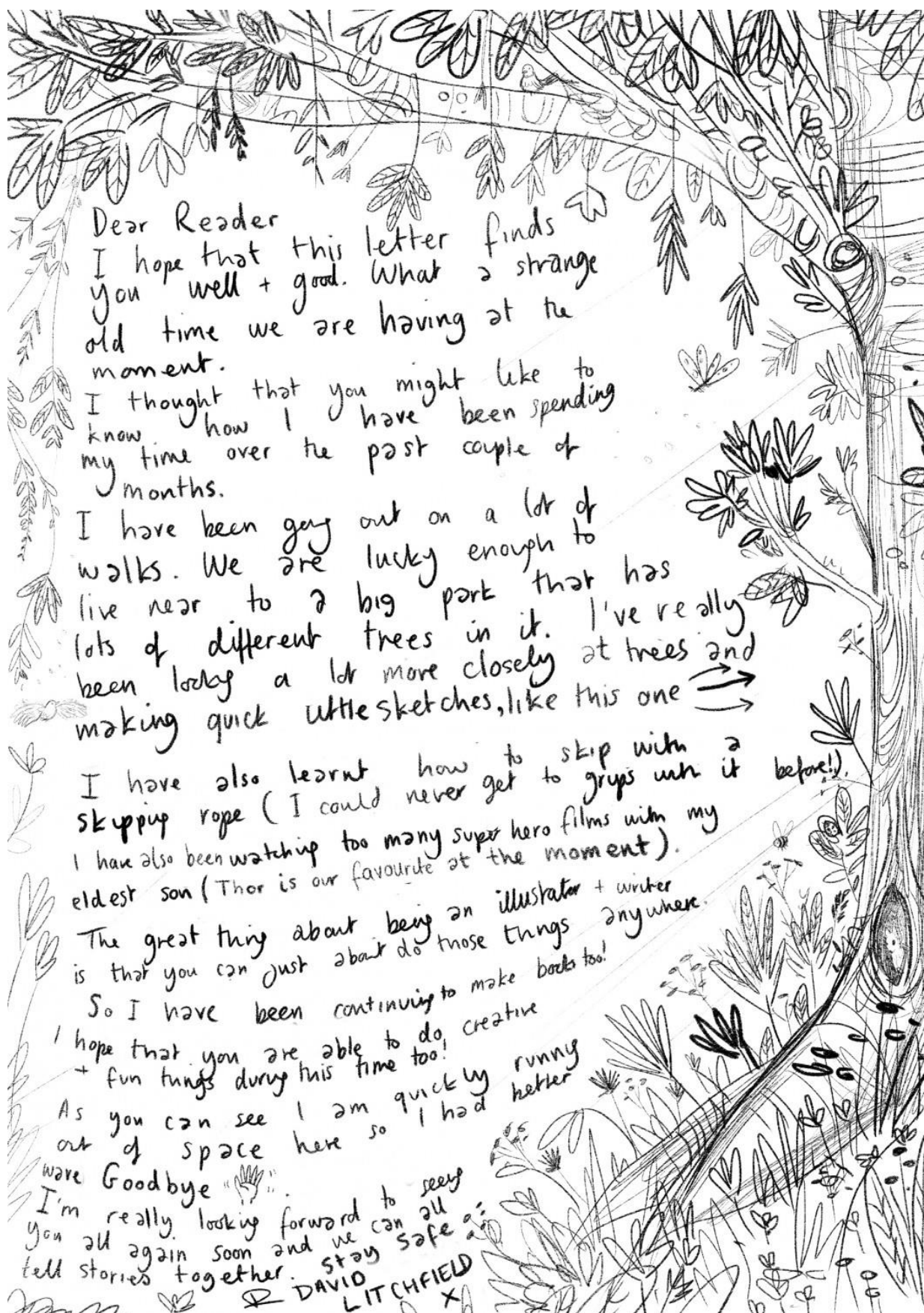
1. Visit [the charity's website](#) and enjoy reading some of the letters. You will find one written by Axel Scheffler, the illustrator of *The Gruffalo*, and another from Roger McGough, the award-winning poet and author. There is an example of a letter on the next page if you cannot access the link.

2. What do most of these letters have in common? **Look at the way the letter is set out as well as the words used.** In your book, write down what you notice:

They start  
with 'Dear \_\_\_\_'  
or 'Hi'.

**Key features of  
the letters  
during lockdown**

They are written in the first  
person using pronouns such  
as 'I' and 'my'.



**# Challenge** Which is your favourite letter and why? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. Try to comment on the author's style and use of language.