**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?

**The Great Realisation**

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| *Tell me the one about the virus again*  *Then, I’ll go to bed*  But my boy you’re growing weary,  sleepy thoughts about your head  *Please that one is my favourite*  *I promise, just once more*  Okay, snuggle down my boy  though I know you know full well  the story starts before then  in a world I once would dwell.  It was a world of waste and wonder  of poverty and plenty  back before we understood  why hindsight's 2020.  You see the people came up with  companies  to trade across all lands  but they swelled and got much bigger  than we ever could have planned.  We'd always had our wants  but now it got so quick  you could have anything you dreamed of  in a day and with a click. | We noticed families that stopped talking  that's not to say they never spoke  but the meaning must have melted  and the work-life balance broke.    And the children's eyes grew square  and every toddler had a phone,  they filtered out the imperfections  but amidst the noise; they felt alone.  and every day the skies grew thicker  till we couldn't see the stars  so we flew in planes to find them  while down below we filled our cars.  we’d drive around all day in circles  we'd forgotten how to run  we swapped the grass for tarmac  Shrunk the parks till there were none. |

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| 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**

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| **Negatives** | **Uncertain** | **Positives** |
| *Families stopped talking*  *Filled the seas with plastic* | *A world of waste and wonder* | *The earth began to breathe* |

**What kind of future?**

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**Planning Guide**

Who? What? Why? When? Where?

**Title: I am arguing that**

Remind your reader what you have been persuading them to do

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| **Intro** |
| **My first point...**  Give ideas which support your points. |
| **My second point...** |
| **My last point...** |
| **In conclusion...** |

**Letter to MP**

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