

## Literacy Homework: Monday 18th September

### The Harry Potter Cart Chase:

This is your chance to add your ideas to the Harry Potter story. The heroes are racing through the Gringott's Bank underground vaults and caverns. You need to write an action packed, dramatic paragraph, describing how the heroes are being chased in their rail-carts by the evil Bellatrix.

You must focus on :

1. The correct use of commas to separate your main and subjunctive clauses –DO NOT USE THEN RANDOMLY.
2. I am looking for the very best high quality descriptive vocabulary, with use of similes and metaphors.

I've written an example to help:

As the cart screeched around the bend, sparks flew off the rusty, snaking track and into the darkness beyond. Travelling through the void beneath the bank, they saw brief glimpses of forgotten vault doors, their ancient locked chains glinting in the light of the cart's gas headlamp. Gushing falls of crystal water cascaded from above, soaking the passengers as they hurtled through the icy, liquid curtains.

Behind them, Bellatrix could be heard screaming in fury from her chasing cart. "Potter... you will not escape me this time..." came the constant call, her voice so twisted and bitter, you could almost taste the malice. Harry grasped desperately at the brake – the next bend looked like it might fling the cart off, into the chasm below.

"Pull the brake Harry, before it's too late!" Ron screamed hysterically, covering his terrified eyes with his fingers. - the cart's mechanism spinning like some wild celestial model.

Harry heaved at the wooden handle, expecting to hear the whine of the brake on the red hot wheel – but no whine came.

Confused, Harry tried again – this time gritting his teeth. His look immediately to despair as the rotten, crumbling brake handle came off in his hand. The wheels let out a grating, terrifying sound, as if begging for help, as the track cruelly dispatched the cart into the emptiness beyond...

