

## **L.O.: To understand how life in quarantine has affected family relationships**

### **PSHE: What makes a healthy and happy relationship**

Quarantines, like the one we are currently experiencing, have occurred frequently throughout history, and our ancestors took advantage of the situation to engage in activities that normal life would have limited. For example, Bocaccio tells us in *The Decameron* how in 14th century Italy, a group of young people sought refuge in a villa on the outskirts of Florence to shelter from the plague. They spent their time telling each other stories that have been immortalized in painting, cinema and literature through the ages.

The current quarantine has given us an opportunity for family activities, such as reading books together out loud or encouraging your children to make a presentation on a topic, which can then be discussed. These kinds of initiatives have provided some continuity with school life. Furthermore, leisure activities such as group board games have become common as it is deemed as a good way to entertain families, relieve tension and get to know each other better.

### **Task**

Your project in PSHE is to write a letter to PM Boris Johnson explaining to him how the quarantine has enabled parents, children and siblings to have a healthier relationship between them e.g. If you are the oldest sibling, then this quarantine may have given you numerous opportunities to be a helping hand for your younger siblings.

The following success criteria outlines a formal letter feature checklist which you must include when writing your letter.

Does your formal letter include...

1. the sender's address?
2. the address of the recipient?
3. the greeting 'Dear Sir/Madam' if you don't know the recipient or 'Dear Mr/Mrs/Miss (surname)' if you know the recipient?
4. an introduction?
5. formal sentence starters such as 'I am writing to inform you' or 'I would like to express'?
6. ceremonious language and written in the correct tone?
7. details organised into paragraphs?
8. a conclusion saying what needs to happen next?
9. 'yours faithfully' if you don't know the recipient or 'Yours sincerely' if you do know the recipient when you have finished the letter?
10. your name at the end?