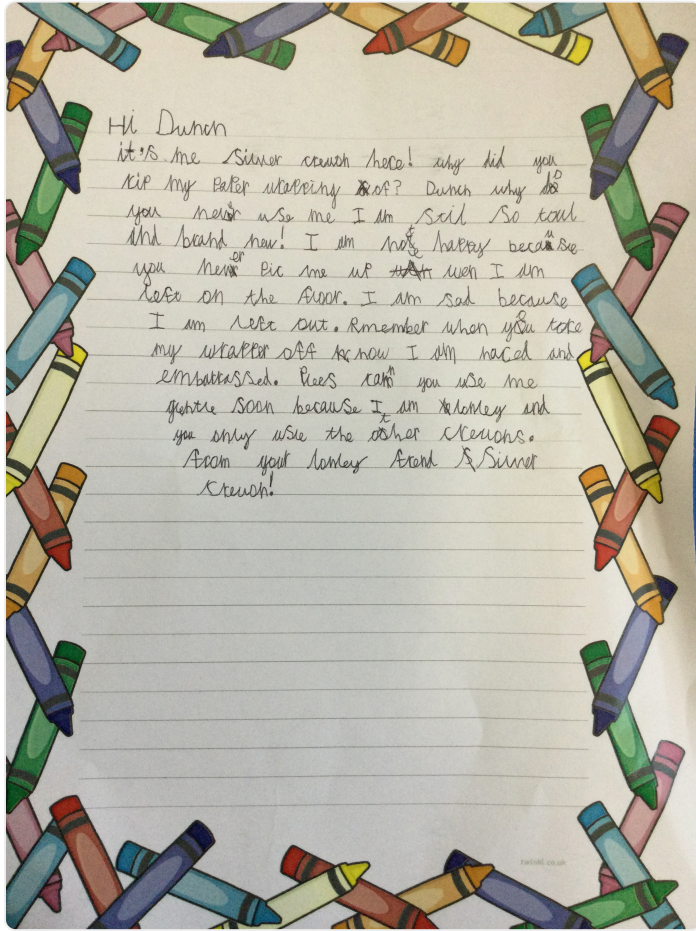


Chapter 1: The Naked Truth

By Agnes (Silver Crayon)



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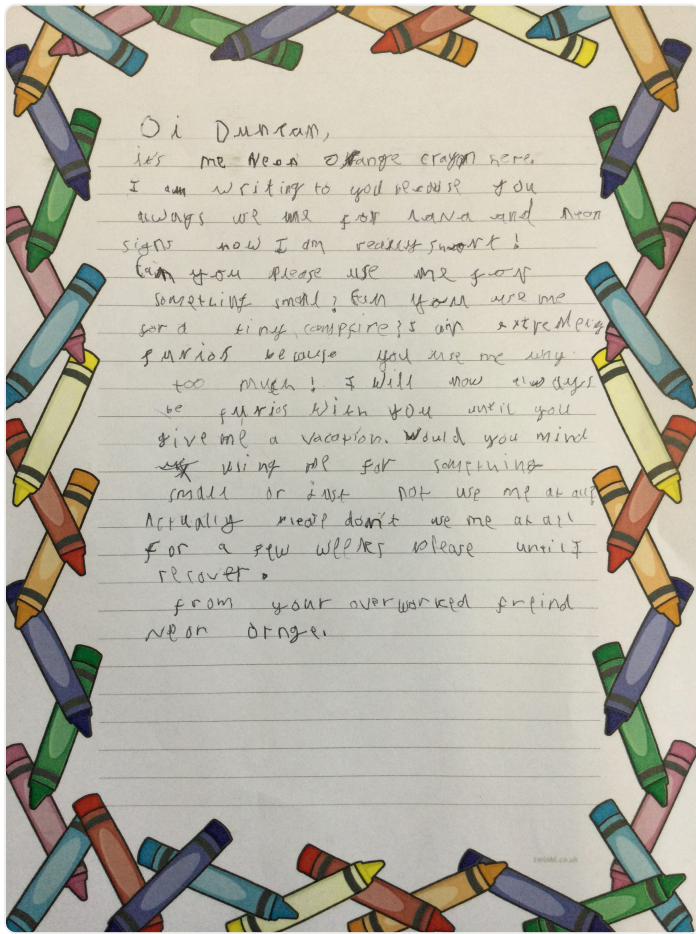
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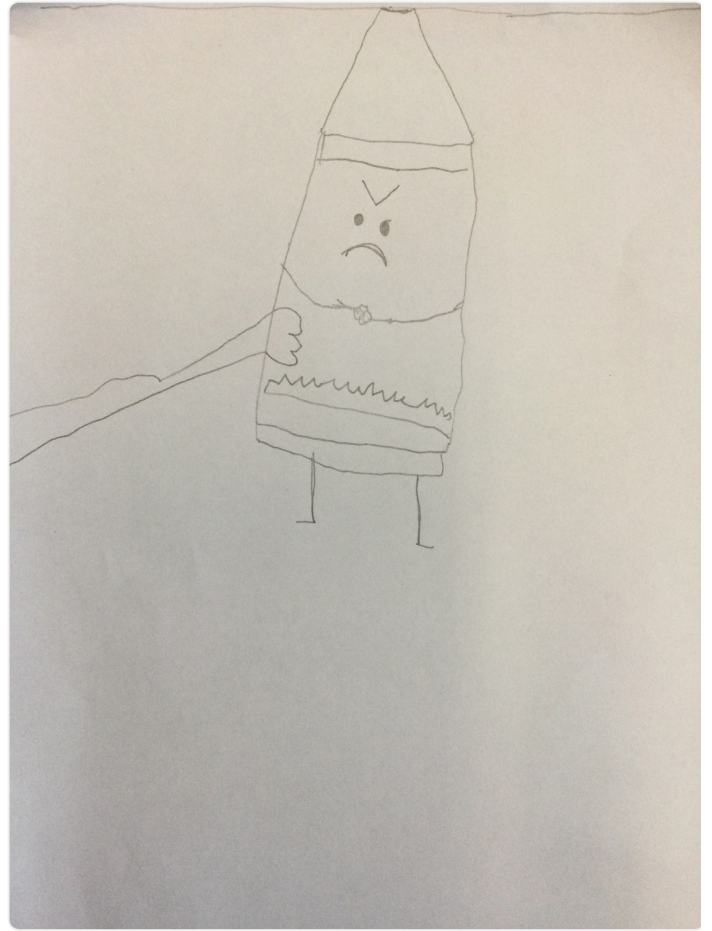
"Hi Duncan, it's me Silver Crayon here! Why did you rip my paper wrapping off? Duncan, why do you never use me? I am still so tall and brand new! I am not happy because you never pick me up when I am left on the floor. I am sad because I am left out. Remember when you took my wrapper off? Now I am naked and embarrassed. Please, can you use me gently soon? I am lonely and you only use the other crayons. From your lonely friend, Silver Crayon!"

Chapter 2: Burning Out

By Archie (Neon Orange Crayon)



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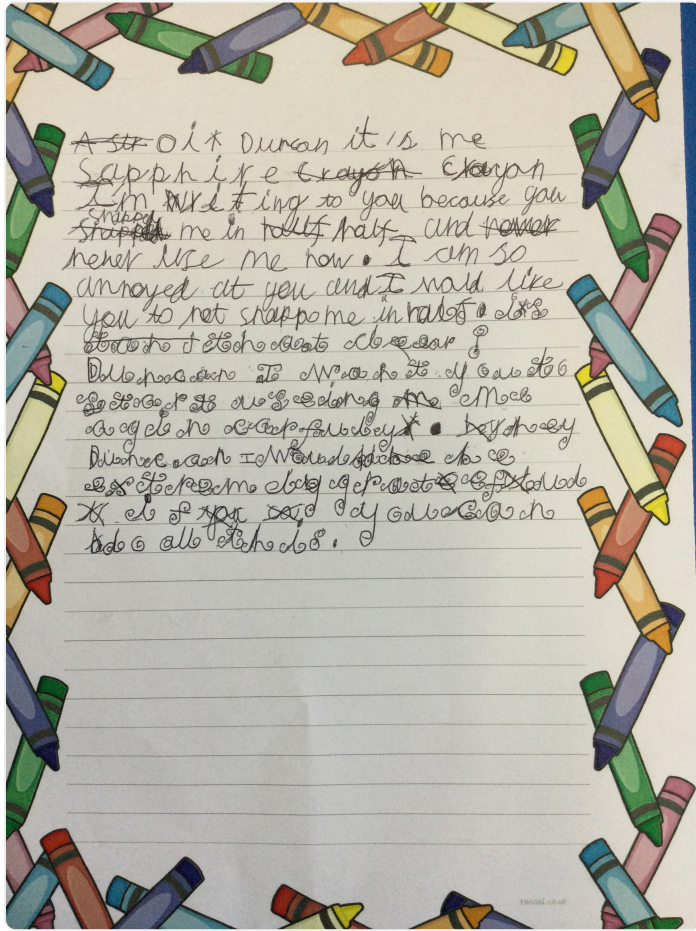
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"Oi Duncan, it's me Neon Orange Crayon here. I am writing to you because you always use me for lava and neon signs—now I am really short! Can you please use me for something small? Can you use me for a tiny campfire? I am extremely furious because you use me way too much! I will now always be furious with you until you give me a vacation. Actually, really don't use me at all for a few weeks please until I recover. From your overworked friend, Neon Orange."

Chapter 3: Snapped in Two

By Astrud (Sapphire Crayon)



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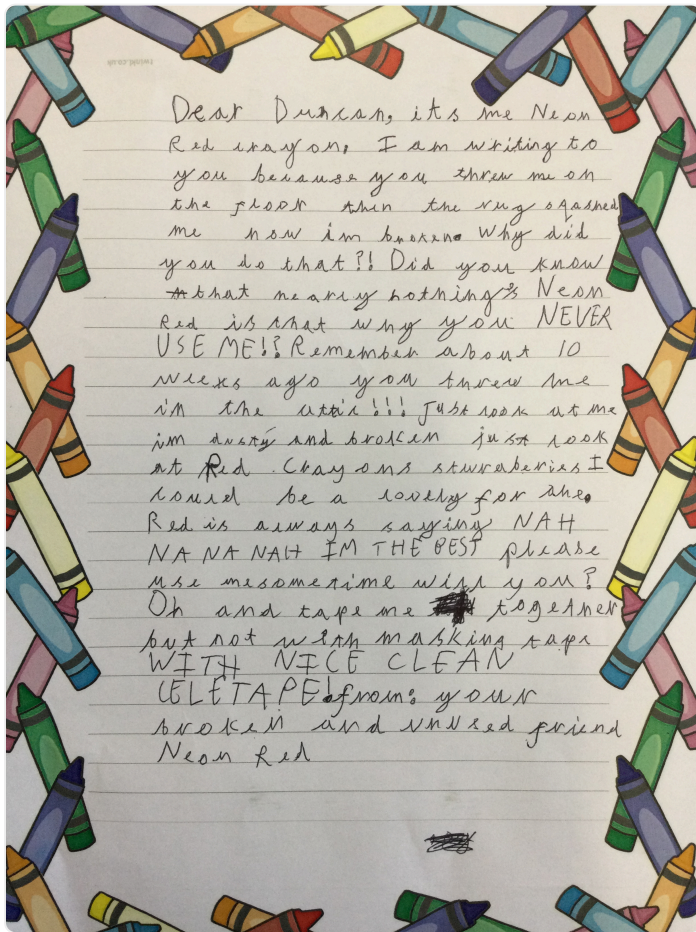
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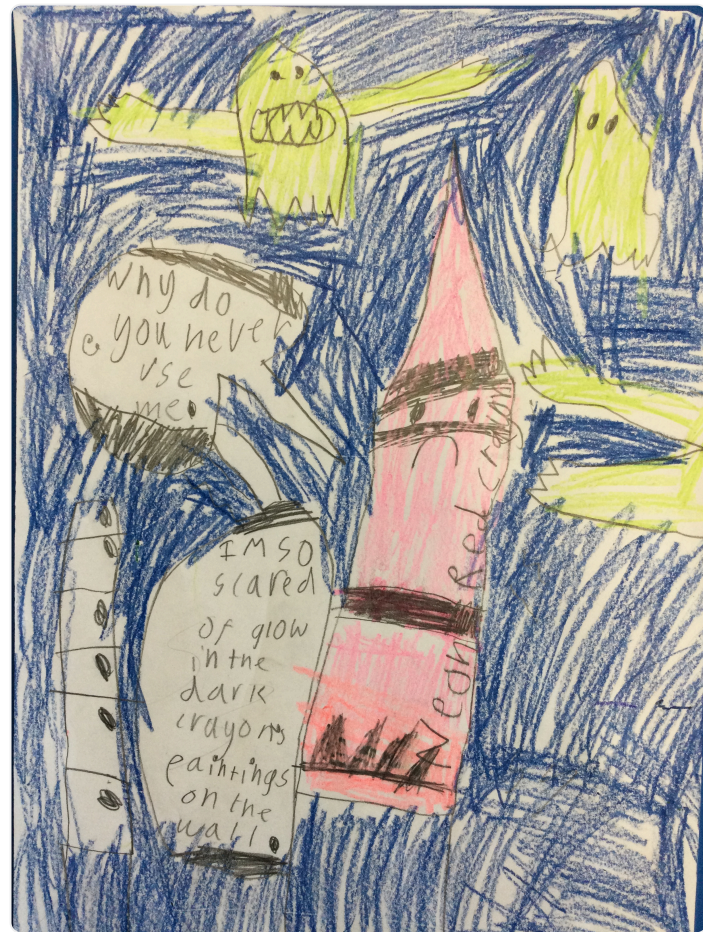
"Oi Duncan, it is me, Sapphire Crayon. I'm writing to you because you snapped me in half and never use me now. I am so annoyed at you and I would like you to not snap me in half. If you say no, I will... do all kinds of things! From Sapphire Crayon."

Chapter 4: The Attic Incident

By Bruno (Neon Red Crayon)



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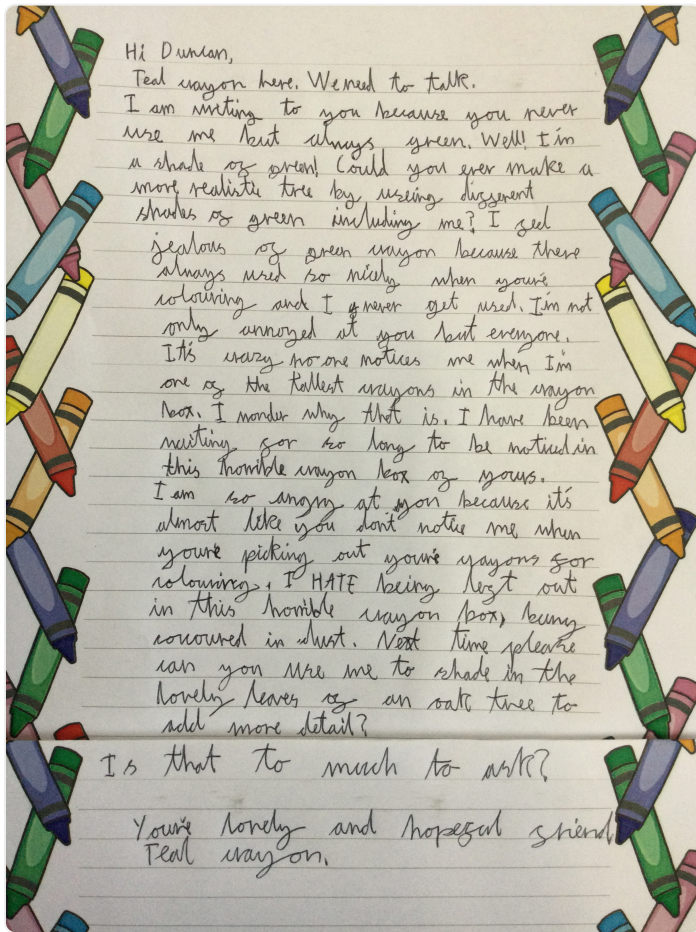
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"Dear Duncan, it's me Neon Red Crayon. I am writing to you because you threw me on the floor, then the rug smashed me—now I'm broken! Why did you do that?! Did you know that nearly nothing is neon red? Is that why you NEVER USE ME!? Remember about 10 weeks ago you threw me in the attic? Just look at me—I'm dusty and broken. Just look at Red Crayon's strawberries; I could be a lovely fox. Red is always saying 'Nah-nah-nah-nah-nah, I'm the best.' Please use me sometime, will you? Oh, and tape me together—but not with masking tape—with nice, clean Sellotape! From your broken and unused friend, Neon Red."

Chapter 5: Green with Envy

By Cosmo (Teal Crayon)



ORIGINAL WRITING



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"Hi Duncan, Teal Crayon here. We need to talk. I am writing to you because you never use me, but you always use Green. Well! Well! I'm a shade of green! Could you ever make a more realistic tree by using different shades of green including me? I feel jealous of Green Crayon because they are always used so nicely when you're coloring and I never get used. I'm not only annoyed at you but everyone. It's crazy no one notices me when I'm one of the tallest crayons in the crayon box. I wonder why that is. I have been waiting for so long to be noticed in this horrible crayon box of yours. I am so angry at you because it's almost like you don't notice me when you're picking out your crayons for coloring. I HATE being left out in this horrible crayon box, being covered in dust. Next time please can you use me to shade in the lovely leaves of an oak tree to add more detail? Is that too much to ask? Your lonely and hopeful friend, Teal Crayon."