

Literacy Wednesday

Look at this comic about Corona Virus designed for children:

<https://www.deccanherald.com/photos/dh-galleries/comic-book-for-children-to-spread-coronavirus-awareness-813076#/>

Comics offer an exciting way to tell a story, bringing words and pictures together in a lively art form.

When adapting a text into a comic, it's not a case of simply putting pictures to go along with words: comics are not just illustrated texts. You can cut lots of the words of the original text, because the pictures can give the reader lots of different information about the setting as well as the characters and what they think and feel.

You also need to choose when best to leave out words entirely, and use only the visuals to tell the story or set the scene.

If you want to read some fantastic comics and graphic novels to get you started, here are a few recommendations:

- Shaun Tan: *The Arrival*
- Kazu Kibuishi: *Amulet* (series)
- Raina Telgemeier: *Smile; Drama; Sisters*
- Neil Gaiman/P. Craig Russell: *Coraline*
- Charlie Higson / Kev Walker: *Silverfin*

Using the comic template provided as a guideline, turn your explanation text in to a story suitable for a comic book explaining how the Corona virus started in China and spread across the world. You could turn the virus in to little characters and they could have their speech bubbles. Make the comic as bright and colourful as possible. It should teach the children of Rush Green how the virus has spread and how to keep yourself safe.

You could include:

How it spread to humans from a bat.

The disease can be spread from person to person through moisture from the nose or mouth, which is passed on when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Droplets of moisture land on objects and surfaces around the person and are passed on when another person touches those surfaces or objects and then touches their nose or mouth.

That is why health authorities have warned people to stay at least a metre away from anyone who is sick, and advised those who are sick to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze.

Wash your hands regularly while you sing Happy Birthday.



Here is an example of a cartoon you could draw in your comic.