**Step 2:**

**Sizzling Starts**

When writing, kids always want to start their stories at the beginning of the day, or the start of the week or even the first day of the school holidays.

**Before.**
I leapt out of bed that morning and hurried to get dressed because today Dad was taking us to the zoo. I was really excited because they have this big monkey enclosure there and I was mad about monkeys. I also needed to get some really good photos for my Science project.

**After.**
'Here,' I told my sister, 'hold my rucksack. I'm just going to get a bit closer to the monkey's cage.'
A bit closer meant over the fence, past the sign that said 'No Entry' and right up to the wire.
'You're monkey mad,' said my sister.
Well, maybe I was. But I was also desperate for an 'A' in my latest Science project. A picture of a cute monkey, smiling right at the camera, would make all the difference, right?

**TOP TIP.**
Start stories right where the action begins. Not in the morning, but at the zoo as the person sneaks up to the monkey's cage, shiny earrings dangling in the sun, just waiting to be grabbed by a quick sharp paw. Far more interesting!

**ACTION ACTIVITY.**
Next time you are watching a movie with your kids, see how the movie begins with lots of action to grab your attention. Adventure movies (e.g. James Bond) are especially good at this.

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Tip-toe, tip-toe, tip-toe…. “ROARR!”
Cat, Hare and Pig were as quiet as can be. “What is that?” they whispered to each other in shock. It got scarier and scarier each step they took. It was very, very creepy inside the dark, mysterious cave. Suddenly they saw two big ears, one pointy nose, two bulging out eyes, many sharp, pointy teeth and thick brown fur.

By Tariro and Tayleesha 3A

Pig, Cat and Hare tip-toed into a spooky, dark cave. “ROARR!” growled Bear.
“WHO IS IN HERE?” …… Pig, Cat and Hare ran for their lives but they ran the wrong way. There was no way out.

By Emma N and Hamish 3A

“Is everyone settled and ready for the 2pm to 3pm show?” requested Mrs. Brohman.
“Yes, just one more rehearsal.” said Veronica. Mrs.Brohman is the judge and if she says we are good our school will be the top one in the whole universe. I’m just so nervous. My sister Jessie keeps saying pretend no-one is there.

By Hillary 3B

The wind howled like wolves, thunder boomed like a jet. Hayley was snug as a bug but she was absolutely horrified. Curtains were rustling wildly as if she was in a horror house, trapped. Doors were creaking as her funny, older, stronger brother Joe played a game that included sci-fi noises.

By Veronica 3B

“No!” Charlie yelled. “I’m not going to the circus on the weekend!”
“You have to.” replied Charlie’s mum.
“Because we’ve already got tickets.” answered Charlie’s mother.
Charlie hated circuses because he was terrified of the clowns.

By Thommas 3B
I looked out of my window only to see stripy little dragons flying slowly into the house. They got into the house with a swoosh and a bang.

Clara L  1/2A

I looked out my shiny window only to see an orange, **SCARY** dragon sneaking up my dirty stairs, slowly with no loud sounds. She got into my room with hot, terrifying, burning orange fire coming out of her vicious mouth.

Ella V  1/2A

The little, brave girl was climbing up the cliff to try to find the shiny, magical jewel when she saw something huge coming towards her.

Jessica L  1B

As the troops walked he heard a noise. He stopped, drops of blood landed on his hand. It was red and cold and had been dropped by a scaly, huge **Tyrannosaurus Rex** that escaped from the big temple.

Liam Th  1/2A

Whoosh! went the white snow as Charlotte looked behind her. “What was that?” she wondered. Then she saw Rose the mountain climber…..

Layla V-H  1/2A

I looked out of my window only to see a loud, see-through ghost floating slowly in the dark glowing night.

Jai-Ling D  1B