Writing task: Message in a Bottle

https://youtu.be/h4RomzeWt1A

This intriguing video documents the discovery of the world’s oldest message in a bottle by Perth (Australia) resident Tonya Illman, who stumbled across it whilst litter picking on North Wedge Island in 2018. The 131-year-old note was written by a captain of a German sailing ship, and was thrown from the vessel whilst on a voyage from Cardiff to Indonesia.

Using the video as a stimulus for your writing, write an imaginative story about what you think happened to the boat on it’s voyage.

- What do you think happened to the Captain and his boat?
- Did they get to Indonesia safely?
- Or perhaps they were been stranded on a desert island?
- Worse still, could they have been attacked by a giant octopus?!

Your writing should include:

Beginning - main character (The Captain), setting the scene (Cardiff), why is the voyage happening, feelings of the captain at the start of the voyage.

Middle - journey (look at an atlas, which oceans/seas would they need to sail to get from Cardiff to Indonesia), a few exciting events, introduction of other characters, the problem which causes the captain to write the message, what information is in the message?

End - where have the captain and his crew ended up? How long has it been since the message was sent? Did anyone find the message? Do the Captain and his crew get rescued in the end?

Remember:
- Full, descriptive sentences
- Paragraphs
- WOW words
- Clear setting and character description
- Exciting events