



Talk for Writing News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to share all the amazing things happening in writing at Grove House Infant and Nursery and King's Park Infant School.

At our schools we use **Talk for Writing**, a fun and engaging way to help children become confident and creative writers.

What is Talk for Writing?

Talk for Writing is all about learning stories by heart, playing with language, and having fun with words! It follows three simple steps:

1. **Imitation** - We start by learning a story through actions, story maps, and drama, helping children remember key phrases and structures.
2. **Innovation** - Once they know the story, they make small changes—maybe a new character or setting—while keeping the structure the same.
3. **Independent Application** - Finally, children use their skills to write their very own stories or information texts!

This approach builds confidence, expands vocabulary, and helps children develop a love for writing.

What Have We Been Learning?

Our children have been diving into some fantastic stories and writing tasks:

- **Reception** have enjoyed retelling the story of the **Little Red Hen**, using actions and story maps to retell the story.
- **Year 1** have followed the adventures of **Traction Man** - maybe they can retell the story to you at home!
- **Year 2** have met the **Tiger Who Came to Tea** and innovated the story by changing the main character and animal. Can they retell their new version to you?

How Can You Help at Home?

Here are some fun ways to support your child's writing journey:

- Ask them to tell you the story they've been learning, using actions and expression.
- Read together as much as possible—talk about the characters, setting, and what might happen next.
- Play around with stories—change the ending, add a new character, or imagine a different setting!
- Encourage them to write for fun, whether it's a shopping list, a letter to a friend, or their own made-up story.

We are so proud of the amazing writing happening across the school and love seeing the children grow as storytellers!

Thank you for your support—we can't wait to share more writing news with you soon.