



# 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.

This year, we've introduced **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:

- **Nursery & Reception** have been loving **Little Red Riding Hood** and **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, using actions and pictures to retell these classics.
- **Year 1** started with **Little Red Riding Hood** too and have also been busy writing instructions on **how to make a bug hotel**—maybe they can teach you at home!
- **Year 2** have explored space adventures with **Q Pootle 5** and have been developing their storytelling skills with **Baker's Boy**.

## 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.