



Learning together, Achieving Forever.

A parent's guide to BIG writing



Yr 2



BIG writing at South Walney...

How does BIG writing work?

BIG writing focuses on the four key aspects of writing.

VOCABULARY—every child is encouraged to use ambitious word choices to make their writing more interesting.

So:
The cat sat on the mat.

Could become...
The *pampered* cat *snuggles serenely* on the *luxurious* mat.

CONJUNCTIONS— are words that join sentences together. They make writing more cohesive and interesting.

So:
I like the park. I play on the swings.

Could become...
I like the park because I can play on the swings.



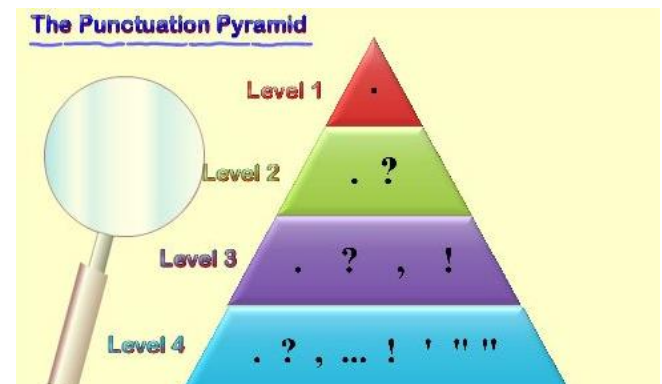
OPENERS— by varying the way you open sentences writing becomes more engaging to read.

So:
I have to go home now,

Could become...
Sadly, I have to go home now.

PUNCTUATION— we encourage children to firstly accurately punctuate their sentences using capital letters and full stops.

They then progress to using the punctuation pyramid to explore the higher levels of punctuation they can use.



So what can you do...

TALK Homework

- This is a chance for your child to talk about what they are going to write during the BIG write lesson.

By helping your child with this it will enable them to;

- Think through and discuss initial ideas for their BIG writing.
- Get their writing ideas clear in their heads by thinking about and discussing the order of what they will write.
- Come confidently to writing in the classroom.

TALK HOMEWORK really gives you as parents and carers the opportunity to be involved in your child's development as a writer.

IF THEY CAN'T DISCUSS
AND VERBALISE THEIR
IDEAS, HOW CAN WE
EXPECT THEM TO WRITE
THEM DOWN?

A BIG writing lesson includes...

- Lots of experience beforehand of the text type of the BIG write i.e stories, reports, character description, script, poem etc.
- Talk homework, discussed in class and sent home. This is very important discussion, planning and reflection time.
- A lively fun session that focuses on VCOP and generates ideas for the BIG WRITE.
- An undisturbed writing session with soft lighting, music and special pencils.
- Time to use marking and targets effectively so they can be supported to make progress next time they write.



Violet
Vocabulary



Captain
Connective

And fun superhero characters to help engage and motivate your children in their learning...



Incredible
Opener



Dr. Punctuation



PRACTICAL IDEAS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO HELP AT HOME

TALK! TALK! TALK!

- Ask them to describe everything and anything!
- Take it in turns to tell a story. One person starts it, the other says what happens next etc....
- Look at a picture or photo together. Use it to tell a story. Think of a title for your story. What would the opening 10 words be?

WRITE! WRITE! WRITE!

- **Make it real!**

Encourage them to:

- Write letters and e-mails to family and friends
- Write a diary
- Take notes about a walk, a trip etc...
- Make lists— to do lists, shopping lists, party lists etc