

Big Talk for Big Writing



Helping your child to
improve their English Skills

What is Big Talk for Big Writing?

As part of our continued drive to enhance learning English, we are introducing a new initiative across the school, 'The Big Write'. It is based on a highly successful Ros Wilson's Big Writing scheme which follows the philosophy that if children can say it, they can write it.

Pupils that take part in Big Talk and Big Write make better progress and are more confident in English.

Big Write will involve children bringing home "Talk Homework" once a half term to discuss at home in preparation for writing the next day. Through Big Write we hope that our pupils will become more confident and ambitious in their writing.

How will parents know when to do Big Talk?

"Big Talk for Big Writing" sheets containing the topic for discussion will be given to your child once a half term on a Thursday evening.

On the sheet will be a description of the topic to discuss at home and the genre. E.g. Narrative writing about "The Lost Key".

(If the sheet somehow gets mislaid on the way home, then please check our website on your class page for information!)

We would like to reiterate that this homework activity involves discussion only, but is just as valuable as any written homework and should have the same amount of time spent on it. We strongly recommend that the TV is turned off and all other distractions are avoided in order to spend 'special' time talking to your children to help develop their language skills.

If you have any questions you would like to ask about **Big Talk for Big Writing**, please contact your child's class teacher.



Thank you for your help and co-operation in
introducing
Big Talk for Big Writing!

Too much information? So in short...

Big Talk for Big Writing Homework Sheet comes home.



Parent talk at home about the topic with your child.
See the handy hints, use the VCOP pyramid.



Back at school your child's class will have a special writing session called a **Big Write**.