



## Talk Homework

*This is not homework that your child can do alone, parental support is essential.*

An important part of our English curriculum is Talk for Writing. Children spend time talking about writing which subsequently supports their writing:

“If children can say it, they can write it.”

In the days before writing, the children spend time generating vocabulary which will enrich their writing tasks; they talk about the vocabulary that they might use, discussing sentence structures, content and text type.

Talk Homework will provide an opportunity to discuss this further, it is a chance to:

- \* help your child to gather initial ideas,
- \* develop words and phrases that could be used to describe,
- \* foster an opinion or view and explain this using ‘because’.



### **Helpful Hints for Parents:**

- \* Encourage members of the family to become involved in Talk Homework,
- \* Make it an enjoyable, fun activity,
- \* Switch off the television and/or electronic devices to ensure the time is dedicated to talking,
- \* Use because to extend and explain ideas further,

\* Begin by modelling ideas to your child: 'I think... because...'.

**Other Ways to Help Your Child:**

- \* watch examples of genres using film clips / safe internet clips,
- \* look for examples through magazine, books and leaflets,

Next week, we will be writing a narrative based on this character. The children will need to include a characterisation. In preparation for this, we ask that you and other family members spend time with your child to discuss the following character at home. Here are some initial questions you could use to guide the conversation:



- \* Who they think this character is?
- \* What he does?
- \* What he is wearing?
- \* What his body language tells us?
- \* What the jars are?

It is highly important that you support us in trying to develop your child's language and oracy (spoken language). We hope that you will find it a fun and enjoyable time.

If you require any more advice about Talk Homework, please contact your child's class teacher.