

St Nicholas C of E Primary Academy
Talk Homework

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

An important part of our English curriculum is Talk for Writing. In the days before writing, the children generate vocabulary which enrich their writing tasks which later follow. We ask that children rehearse these at home in preparation for this. Questions to discuss might include: *If you had one special power, what might it be? If you could write a message in a bottle, what would it be?*

Talk Homework is a Chance To:

- Help your child think through initial ideas
- Ask for your child for opinions
- Explain their opinions and views
- Develop their vocabulary through use of ambitious vocabulary such as adjectives

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 any electronic devices to ensure time is dedicated to talking
- Use "because" to extend and explain ideas
- Begin thinking about exciting words to use
- Begin by modelling conversations with "I think that... because..."

Other Ways to Help Your Child:

- Watching examples of the genre using film clip/ safe internet clips
- Look for genre examples through books, magazines and leaflets
- Fiction genres might include: Traditional Tales, science fiction, adventure stories, suspense stories
- Non-Fiction genres might include: newspaper reports, explanation texts, instructions e.g. recipes

It is highly important that you support us in further developing your child's spoken language and in turn your child's literacy by completing these tasks regularly. We also hope you find it fun and enjoyable.

Any questions, please ask.

Many thanks,

EYFS & KSI Team