



Our Vision for Talk for Writing at Western Road Community Primary School



At Western Road we follow a scheme called 'Talk for Writing' when teaching English. We teach the children to 'talk the text' they are using as a stimulus, with actions and story maps to aid them. The children then use conventions and vocabulary from the text they have learnt to produce their own writing. We engage in drama activities and with a variety of rich stimulus in order to spark the children's imagination and creativity. The idea is that they learn to imitate a quality text before seeing how they can change and innovate it, leading to, in the latter years of their schooling, confident and creative writers.

Our aims for writing:

- Pupils have a confident understanding of grammar and punctuation through examinations of texts and separate lessons where necessary.
- Pupils experience high quality texts, modelling and shared/collaborative writing to demonstrate good practice.
- Pupils are given a range of opportunities to explore and share their thoughts, opinions and vocabulary, and express their emotions across a range of subjects.
- Pupils have time to plan, edit and improve writing.
- Pupils develop a consistent, legible and joined handwriting style which supports spelling and speed.
- Pupils are given many opportunities to use drama to explore characters and texts.

