



Talk for writing at St Gregory CEVC Primary School

We introduced a whole school approach to teaching writing called '**Talk for writing**' in **September 2016**.

Talk for Writing is an approach developed by Pie Corbett. We provide opportunities for the children to inhabit the world of a text through a range of multi sensory activities including: dance, drama, role play, interviews and newspaper reports. The three stages to teaching writing are:

'Imitation' - The children retell a story by heart, internalising the language patterns so they can discuss and dissect it, using visual story maps as a prompt and incorporating drama and games too.

'Innovation' - The children adapt stories to create their own versions, looking closely at the key features of the story including spelling, grammar, vocabulary and punctuation.

'Invention' - The children write their own story by drawing upon a bank of stories they know really well, experiences, and other stories they have read or seen. They will reuse familiar characters, settings, events and patterns as well as developing new ideas.