



Colkirk C of E Primary Academy, Little Snoring Community Primary Academy, Sculthorpe C of E Primary Academy & West Raynham C of E Primary Academy



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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are excited to inform you about a development in our delivery of the English curriculum. All children will be taught the **'Talk-For Writing'** approach, developed by renowned author and educator, Pie Corbett.

This is a creative and fun way to help children build up their skills and inspire them to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes. Our aim is to motivate and excite children about writing and, through this, improve standards in writing in all year groups across the federation.

At the beginning of a Talk for Writing unit, children start by learning a model text off-by-heart using a text map with actions to help them.

Following this, the children examine the structure of the text and explore how the language and grammar is used effectively. These ideas help to form a 'toolkit' that the children will then use in their own writing.



Finally, the children create their own version of the story or non-fiction text using the newly-taught skills. Eventually, as children grow in confidence, they will move on to independently inventing their own writing inspired by the model text.

We are delighted to be introducing this approach across our federation and look forward to seeing enthusiastic responses from our children. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Heads of school or your child's class teacher.

Further information can be found at: www.talk4writing.com

Kind regards

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