

What is Big Writing?



'Big Writing' is a new approach to the teaching of writing in our school.

Ros Wilson devised 'Big Writing' as a teaching method after much research into how children learn best. Her approach has proved to be a huge motivator for all children, including boys, who quickly become 'excited writers'.

All staff at St. Vincent's are very excited about using 'Big Writing' to improve writing standards in our school.



VCOP

The teaching of VCOP is one of the key strands of Big Writing.

V = Vocabulary (WOW words)

C = Connectives

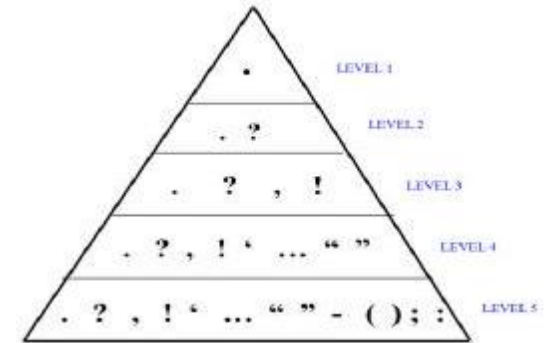
O = Openings

P = Punctuation

Your child will be taught a wide range of connectives to join their sentences, openings to open their sentences in exciting ways, WOW words to improve the vocabulary they are using and a wide range of punctuation taken from the Punctuation Pyramid.



Punctuation Pyramid



The Punctuation pyramid shows the types of punctuation children should be using at various levels.

Children are actively encouraged to 'have a go' at using different types of punctuation.

In addition, teachers will continue to demonstrate the correct use of punctuation.

