## How will the teaching of writing change at St. Vincent's School?

⋈ Big Writing will take place every Friday morning.

x The lesson will begin with fun, interactive activities.

X There will be a break half way through the writing process.

x The writing topic will be introduced to the children the day before the writing lesson, giving them the opportunity to talk and discuss the topic at home.

x Each classroom will have a Big Writing display which will include a Punctuation Pyramid.

× A writing atmosphere will be created using soft music (Mozart) and candle light.

x Children will be encouraged to write silently during this time.



## How can you support your child with 'Big Writing' at home?

Encourage your child to find WOW
 words when reading at home.
 Encourage your child to use WOW
 words, exciting openers and interesting connectives when writing at home.

x When reading, discuss how authors use punctuation and encourage your child to use a range of punctuation when writing.

Support your child with 'Talk Homework' so he/ she feels confident when taking part in 'Big Writing'. Switch off the TV and take time to talk with your child.

Big Writing: "If a child can't say it, a child can't write it."



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## Information for parents and carers



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