

## Talk for Writing

We have been working with our fellow Wye Valley Learning Network of schools since April last year on developing our teaching and learning in writing, and have been using 'Talk for Writing', supported by author and educational publisher Pie Corbett.

This project, based on a strategy that encourages and celebrates storytelling, has made Bridstow School a place where children love to learn stories, tell stories – and write both stories and non-fiction.

Bridstow School is now fizzing with the sound of storytelling! In every classroom, children are reciting wonderful stories, from the 'Little Red Hen' in our youngest class to dark detective stories further up the school. Exciting story maps have been created and, from these, all ages are able to orally retell a complete story and perform a range of actions representing key words.

The excitement and enthusiasm for storytelling has really grown this year and the results have been impressive, right across the school. Our children are very proud of their stories and the progress they have made in writing. Furthermore, they have enjoyed the whole process and are keen to tell their story to anyone who will listen!

As a consequence of their work on this project, more and more of our children are now writing independently out of school – their enthusiasm for writing is really thrilling. We can't wait to see what they will create next!

Have a look at our Kidblog work to see just how effectively and enthusiastically our children are working with each other outside the classroom environment. We are sure you'll find it exciting too.