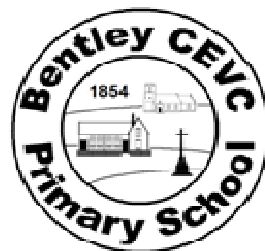


Supporting Your Child's Writing at Home



A Parent's Guide to Writing

At Copdock, we have introduced 4 VCOP characters to help the children with their writing:

V



Wow Woman

- Wow Woman has the power to help people really see how things look.
- She holds the secret of how characters and places really feel.
- Although, words for sights and sounds are her favourite weapons she knows the importance of taste, touch and smell too.
- Wow Woman knows how to pick just the right nouns or verbs to give writing real power over a reader.
- She uses adjectives and adverbs to hypnotise people in to really seeing and feeling a piece of writing.

C



Captain Connective

- The Captain holds the team together and without him writing can be repetitive and boring holding no power over the reader at all.
- His greatest power is to link ideas together providing a net to catch any reader.

O



Fantastic Opener

- Fantastic Opener is a master of disguise.
- Sometimes, he jumps up and tells the reader when something is happening. Suddenly, he is adverb. Although, can be a link between ideas just like Captain Connective. Alternatively, he can express an opposite idea. On dark, windy nights, when even the wolves stay in their dens, he can be a whole phrase!
- He may seem like a bit of a Joker, but don't be fooled he helps add structure. It's his job to hook the reader in and keep him reading.

P



Doctor Punctuation

- The Doctor's basic weapon is the power to stop and start a sentence. If capital letters and full stops are missing, or in the wrong place writing, is weak. It will not have the power to grab a reader.
- His control over the reader is reinforced by the use of commas to separate ideas. They work well when combined with connectives and openers.
- He reveals what characters actually say with speech marks.
- Does he ask questions? Of course, that's a great weapon for hooking a reader.

And here is the villain...



Sergeant Sabotage

The evil Sergeant Sabotage is out to destroy the world; removing all punctuation to wreak chaos in our language. He and his villainous team are taking every colourful and exciting word from our sentences, sending all the school children across the world into a bored stupor, so they can take over the world.

Can you level up your writing to help the incredible VCOP super heroes save the world from a fate worse than dullness?

Encourage your child to 'uplevel' the sentences that they write, using VCOP. For example,

The cat went along the wall.

We can 'uplevel' this sentence using:

Wow Woman:	The <i>fluffy ginger</i> cat <i>prowled</i> along the <i>red brick</i> wall.
Captain Connective:	The fluffy ginger cat prowled along the red brick wall <i>because he was spying on a juicy bird</i> .
Fantastic Opener:	<i>Whilst licking his lips</i> , the fluffy ginger cat prowled along the red brick wall because he was spying on a juicy bird.
Dr Punctuation:	<i>Whilst licking his lips</i> , the fluffy ginger cat (who had sharp teeth) prowled along the red brick wall because he was spying on a bird!

Useful Resources:

There are a number of useful resources on the internet to support your child with their writing.

These sites are mainly suitable for Key Stage Two children:

- www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/literacy/index.htm
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/
- www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html

These sites are suitable for Key Stage One children:

- ictgames.com/literacy.html
- www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1literacy.html

If there is anything else you would like support with, then please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for supporting your child!