



# DOWNSWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made a few changes to our Big Write.

Big Write is the development of the 'writing voice' through fast, fun, lively and predominantly oral activities. It is based upon the premise: 'if a child can say it, a child can write it.'

Big Write allows children to practice skills and apply them in a range of contexts. Twice a half-term, the children will be given a longer period of time in order to do an extended piece of writing. Prior to the session, the children will have taken part in a range of speaking, listening and writing activities which will feed directly into the Big Write session.

Big Write will now be based on each year group's topic for that half-term and the children will complete two pieces of writing, one fiction and one non-fiction. Although we have removed the 'talking homework' part of Big Write, parents and carers can still be involved in the process by talking to the children about their topic and what they are learning about in school.

Thank you,

Miss Rackley  
English Lead