

Creating a Thinking School

Write... from the Beginning



Writing is your best thinking written down

Write .. from the Beginning is a carefully structured, comprehensive and developmental writing programme which focuses on using existing knowledge and understanding of David Hyerle's Thinking Maps® to implement a unique, rigorous and targeted school wide approach to the development of children's writing.

The five key criteria for successful writing are identified and continually extended as children develop from 'Emergent Writers' in the Early Years to 'Engaging and Extending Writers' in Upper Key Stage 2. The initial training day focuses on Narrative Writing, and the principles can then be transferred to Writing for Information and Explanation Writing. There is also an option for a further day on using Thinking Maps in Responding to Literature.

Outcomes

By the end of the training you will:

- Know about the five key criteria for all successful writing;
- Know about the developmental stages in children's writing across the primary years;
- Understand the explicit role of Thinking Maps® in planning and organising writing;
- Understand the importance of modelling the writing process at every stage;
- Be able to use the detailed rubrics to establish a baseline, as well as for on-going assessment of writing performance at each stage;
- Know when and how to use the targeted mini-lessons at each stage;
- Understand how the principles and strategies applied in narrative writing can be transferred to develop successful writing achievement across all genres and domains.

Schools which have successfully adopted WFTB value the consistent and focused whole-school approach, and report a marked improvement in the organisation, structure and quality of children's writing at all stages of development.

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