

# Creating a Thinking School

# Write from the beginning

Kestrel Education is now able to offer this tried and tested approach to the teaching of writing with primary age children, using David Hyerle's Thinking Maps®.

It builds on existing use of the Thinking Maps® to improve and develop the quality of writing.

## Overview:

A practical, interactive and highly informative course, which focuses on developing existing knowledge and understanding of the eight David Hyerle Thinking Maps® to develop a unique and rigorous school wide approach to motivating and supporting children's writing.

Five key criteria for successful writing are identified and extended as children develop from 'Emergent Writers' in the Early Years to 'Engaging and Extending Writers' in Upper Key Stage 2.

## Objectives:

The course will focus on:

- The developmental stages in becoming a successful writer;
- The key features of each developmental stage;
- Five key criteria for all successful writing;
- The essential role of focused mini-lessons;
- The explicit role of Thinking Maps® in planning and organising writing;
- Writing Conferences and children's self assessment.

## Outcomes:

Participants will:

- Learn new skills and strategies to enhance the learning and teaching of children's writing which will have an immediate impact on classroom practice;
- Learn new strategies to develop higher order thinking in writing;
- Extend their knowledge and use of David Hyerle Thinking Maps® to raise attainment in writing;
- Feel confident to develop focused mini-lessons;
- Experience active learning and have fun.

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