

# Talk Homework

This is not a piece of homework your children can do alone! Homework of this kind involves discussion only. It is clear that those children who complete their 'Talk Homework' regularly feel more confident in tackling their writing in school.

## **TALK HOMEWORK IS A CHANCE TO:**

- Help your child to think through and discuss initial ideas in order to develop the thought process
- Ask your child for their opinions
- Explain your own opinion and how it is fine to have different views or opinions
- Develop your child's vocabulary through the use of "ambitious" vocabulary

## **SOME HINTS FOR PARENTS TAKING PART IN A TALKING HOMEWORK CONVERSATION:**

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in the Talk Homework
- Make it an enjoyable activity
- Switch off the television to try to ensure that this is dedicated talking and listening time
- Use the 'because' word to explain why they might have a different idea.
- Encourage thinking about exciting words to use to make their writing more interesting.
- Begin a conversation by modelling... "I think that... because ...