



What is it?

- Enables children to imitate the key language they need for a particular topic orally before writing. If you can't say it, you can't write it!
- Through **fun activities** we help them to rehearse the **tune of the language** they need.
- · We then share writing as a class to show them how to craft their own writing.

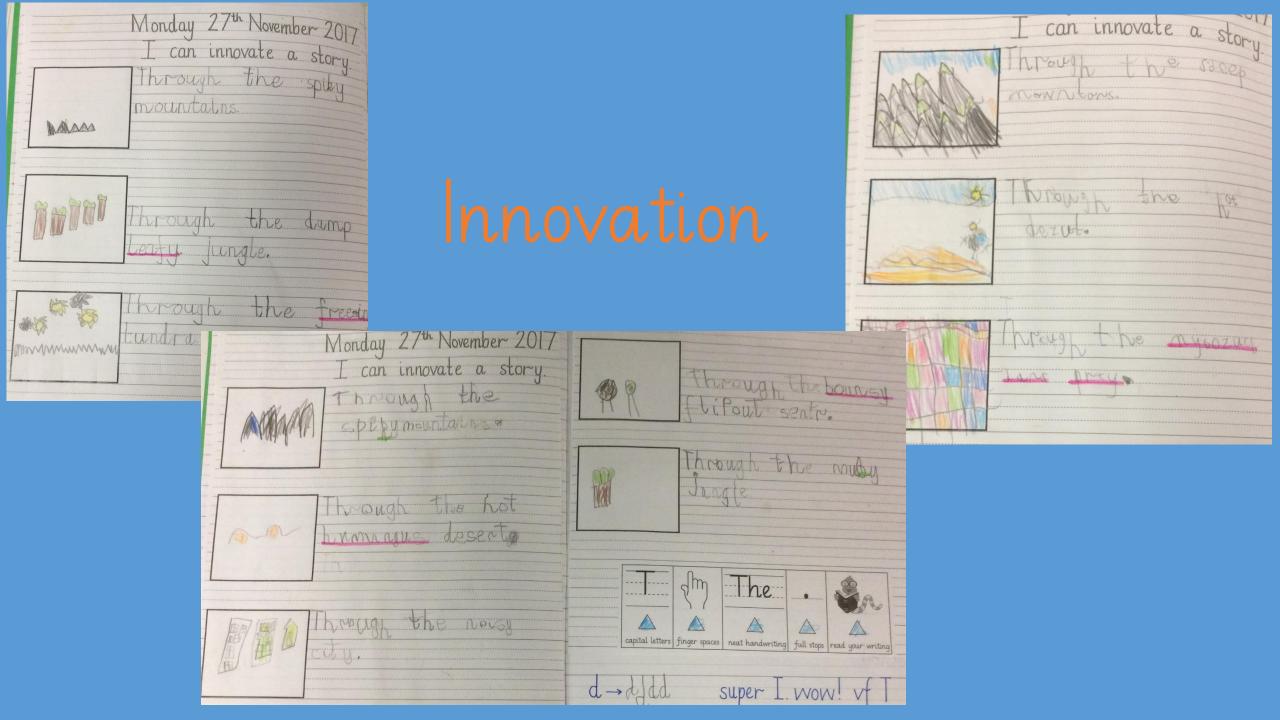
The Three Stages

Imitation—start off with fun activities to engage the children in a story. We then introduce the story map, actions and key words.

Innovation— once the children have learnt the key construction of the text we can then have a go a changing parts of the story becoming 'authors'.

Imagination— over the foundation years the children will have learnt a bank of stories and story structures. By the end of reception we want them to feel confident in the different types of story and have a go at writing their own.

Imitation



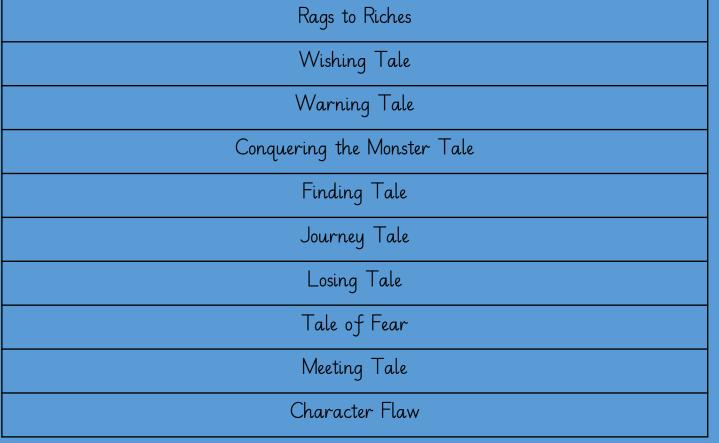
Why is Story Telling Important?

- Promotes love of stories and enthusiasm for literacy.
- Builds children's vocabulary and language success and achievement.
- · Participation and relationship building.
- · Takes away cognitive load which allows for more focus on the writing.
- Imagination and creativity!
- Building blocks



Types of Stories











Story Language

Story Starters	Build up	Problem	Resolution	Ending
 In a distant land Many years ago Once upon a time In a land far away This is the story of 	 One morning One night First Next When While 	SuddenlyUnluckilyUnfortunately	LuckilyFortunatelySoAfter that	 Finally Eventually At long last And so it was They lived happily ever after The end
Reason				
Introduces a character in a setting or the characters feelings/emotions.	The story gets going- the characters does something.	A dilemma is introduced- something goes wrong.	The problem is resolved.	The story ends- usually with everyone living happily ever after.

Lets write a story!

With your children

• First write your story.



Second make your characters with puppets, head masks or playdough.

• Third act your story out.