## HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH WRITING STORIES

- \* Read and talk about stories together.
- Talk about characters from books or the television.
- \* Retell favourite stories to each other.
- Play games like 'Consequences' and 'The Ministers'
   Cat'.
- Encourage your child to enter story writing competitions.
- \* Listen to story tapes/CDs.
- Help your child to plan stories and encourage them to proofread carefully.
- \* Use plenty of praise and encouragement.
- \* Make writing fun. Write some stories together!

## Stow Primary School Helping with Writing



Imaginative Writing
First Level
(1)

Good title

## The Day A Toy Came to Life

Story set in the past

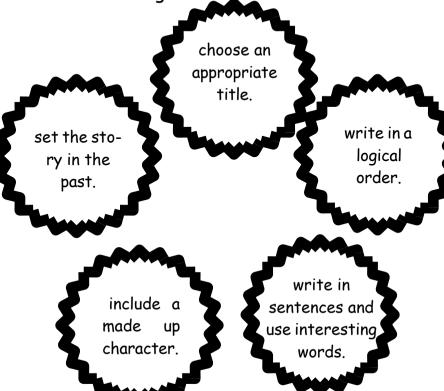
Made up character

One dark night when everything was still and quiet and the classroom was empty a little brown teddy bear came alive. It pushed the box lid open and looked out to see if it was clear. When he came out he looked around the classroom. Then the clock struck one two three four five six times so he knew it was time to go back so he ran as fast as he could and jumped into the box and shut the lid.

Interesting words

Used and in a sentence

When writing stories\_children learn to:



## Tools for Writing

- \* Use capital letters at the start of a sentence.
- \* Use a full stop at the end of a sentence.
- Spell a few common words and use phonics to help spelling.
- \* Begin to use linking words e.g. and/but.
- \* Write neatly leaving spaces between words.