

Crowland Children's Writing Survey September 2015

The school is focused on looking to develop writing. The focus of the questionnaire was to ascertain the views of our children on what they enjoyed about writing and what were the potential barriers to developing their writing skills.

Children were asked whether they enjoyed writing?

94 % of children reported that they did.

Children were asked what sort of writing they liked/ did not like ?

Children reported that in the main they enjoyed writing stories (particularly in Key Stage 1).

Children also reported that they enjoyed writing when there was an exciting stimulus.

Some children reported that they found the mechanics of writing difficult, ie they became tired.

Children were asked whether they undertook writing activities at home

75 % of children stated that they wrote stories/ diaries at home and that they did their homework.

Children were asked whether reading helped them to improve as writers

95 % of children stated that reading was really important, in the main because they made a link between vocabulary and writing and felt that reading books gave them ideas.

Children were asked if they felt writing was an important skill to have

85 % of children felt that it was an important skill and made links to real life learning opportunities. Children spoke about the importance of spelling and that neat handwriting was important.

Children were asked what could be better

Surveys evidenced a high degree of happiness with writing opportunities in school but that they wanted more opportunities to write stories and be creative. They stated that they enjoyed topic work

Actions to take forward

More opportunities to build in story writing through the curriculum. More exciting and creative opportunities to be identified, ie school writing shop. More opportunities for parental involvement, ie through bookmaking, parents workshops. More discussions with children to understand the importance of writing as a life skill, ie through visitors to the school, job markets, links with Tottenham Technical College.