



# What's it all about . . . VCOP

## The Curricular Area: Literacy - Writing

**Why?** To develop the child's understanding of how to write interesting sentences, widen their vocabulary and improve their written work.

**What?** Lessons based around four different areas that encourage children to use these four key concepts to improve their writing.

**How?** This is taught throughout the school, and gets more complex as the child progresses through their levels. Every week there are opportunities to practice VCOP. Many children are given VCOP targets to meet in their homework as a way to encourage them to further develop their skills.

## Jargon Explained . . . V C O P

### V = Vocabulary

Words that help to make their writing more interesting,  
E.g. exciting, beautiful, freezing, silently, gigantic, fabulous etc.

### C = Connectives

Words that you can use to join two or more sentences together.  
E.g. and, but, because, when, although, besides, as well as etc.

### O = Openers

Words that can be used to start (open) a sentence. Children should try to use a variety of openers to make their writing more interesting.  
E.g. The, I, First, Then, At last, Afterwards, Before, Sometimes, Silently, Loudly etc.

### P = Punctuation

This is the use of full stops, question marks, commas, exclamation marks etc. so that their writing makes sense.

