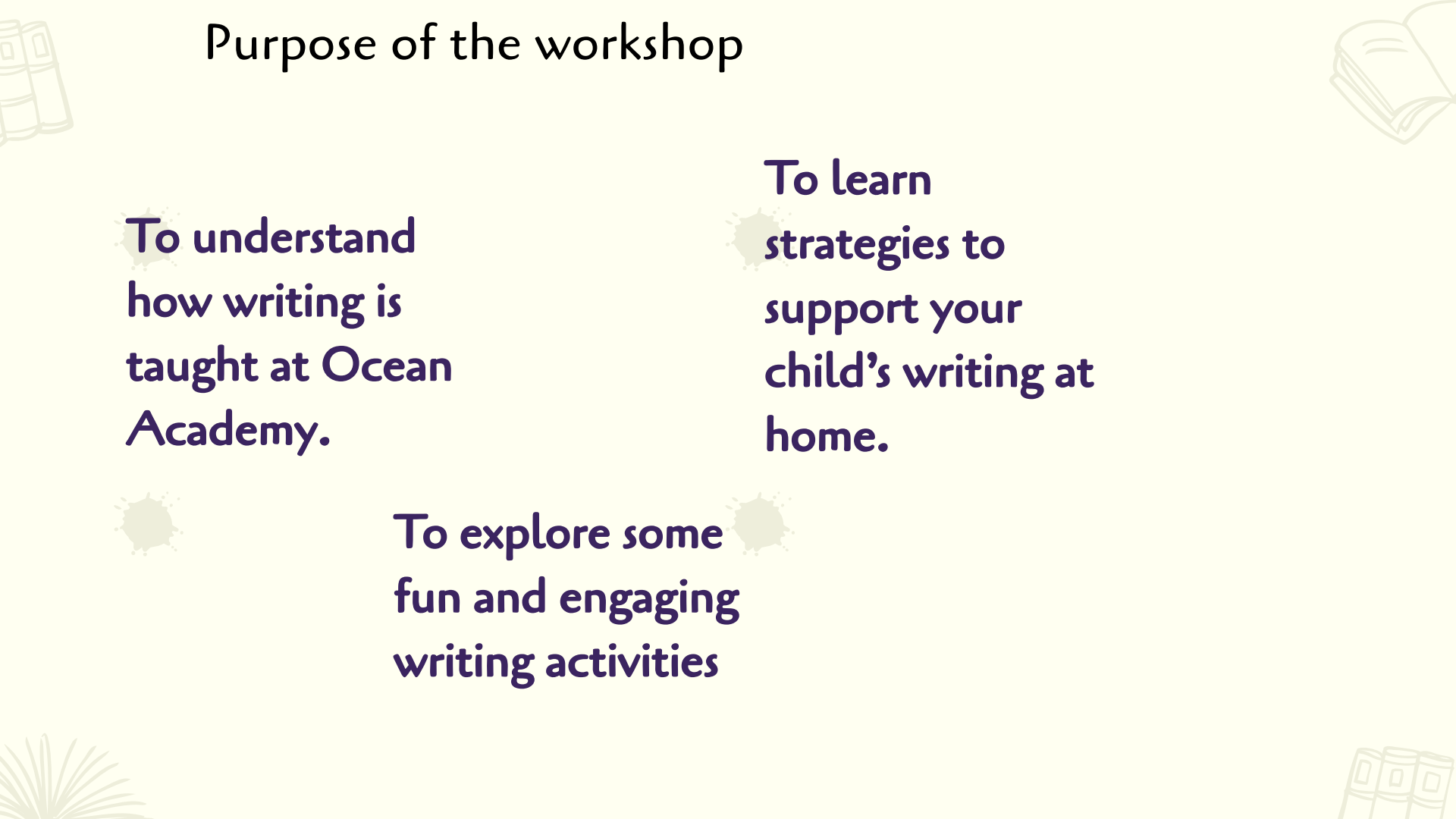


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Writing workshop



Purpose of the workshop



To understand how writing is taught at Ocean Academy.

To learn strategies to support your child's writing at home.

To explore some fun and engaging writing activities



Why is writing important?

When children and young people enjoy writing and write daily in their free time, their writing skills, critical thinking skills, confidence, creativity and wellbeing benefit.

Children and young people who wrote at least once a month in their spare time said the process of writing:

- helps them to be creative (59.1%)
- helps them express their ideas and imagination (52.8%)
- helps them express their thoughts and feelings (47.7%)
- supports their wellbeing, with many writing to relax (40.4%) and because it makes them happy (33.1%) and
- can help them get a better job when they grow up (36.2%).



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How writing is taught at Ocean Academy.



Key components:

- Grammar and Punctuation: Using proper sentence structure, punctuation marks and grammar rules (e.g. conjunctions, clauses)
- Text types: writing for different purposes, such as narratives, reports and persuasive texts.
- Vocabulary development: encouraging the use of descriptive and ambitious words.
- Spelling integration: Applying taught spelling rules in written work.
- Planning and editing : Using planning tools and checking for mistakes through self-editing



How writing is taught at Ocean Academy.

Example Techniques taught :

- Sentence starters for variety (e.g. adverbials, conjunctions)
 - Using figurative language (e.g.similes and metaphors.)
 - Structural paragraphs with topic sentences and evidence.
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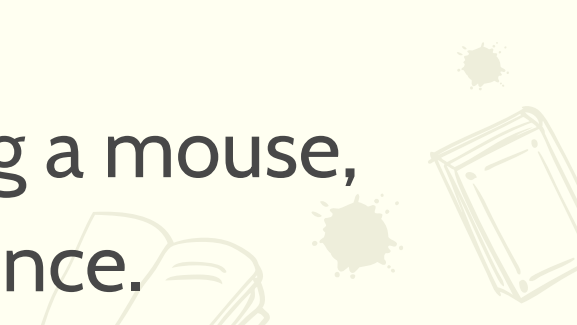


Sentence construction

The cat jumped over the fence.

*Explore this sentence with your child e.g. can the verb be improved? Can an adjective be added to describe the fence? To improve vocabulary, can the type of the cat be used instead? Can an adverb be added? Can a relative clause be added?

The young tabby, who was chasing a mouse, swiftly leapt over the neglected fence.






Sentence construction

The boy ran.

Edit: The excitable boy, with beautiful blue eyes,
sprinted towards the bustling playground.






How to support writing at home.

- Encourage journal writing about daily events or feelings.
- Use creative prompts (e.g. write about a day in the life of a superhero)
- Practise writing letters to friends or family members.
- Ask your child to write a shopping list for you.

Practical tips

- Celebrate small successes in writing to boost confidence.
 - Focus on one improvement area at a time (e.g. punctuation one week, vocabulary the next, handwriting the following week)
 - Read together: discuss how authors use language to create effects.
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Useful Tools

- Online resources : Literacy Shed & Pobble 365 for prompts.
- Use a story dice or picture cards to spark creativity.
- Use photographs to discuss description of characters or settings.





Questions ?

