

Big Talk Homework!

Dear Parents,

Today in our Big Talk assembly the children have been learning about Houses. We have talked about the different kinds of houses people live in, for example, bungalows, apartments, and terraced houses. The children also looked at how houses had changed over time and we went back to the Celtic times! We have also thought about how houses are different around the world.



Please spend 10 minutes talking with your child about the assembly. You may want to use the questions below as prompts to help to encourage your child to talk.

Remember we are trying to help all our children develop excellent speaking and listening skills, which will help them with their writing.

"If a child can't say a sentence then they can't write it either!"

Thank you for your support in helping your child.

Mrs Wylie

- 1) **What kind of houses might you see in Dudley?** *(We talked about our houses on Wren's Nest being mostly semi detached houses. We also said you could see flats and apartments, bungalows, detached houses and terrace houses in Dudley.)*
- 2) **What is special about a bungalow?** *(There are no stairs in a bungalow.)*
- 3) **Can your child name some of the different parts of a house?** *(We looked at photos of different kinds of door, window, chimney, porch, conservatory, and guttering.)*
- 4) **What were the Celtic (the oldest) houses like?** *(The oldest houses were simple huts made of wood and reed with a thatched roof. There was often a hole in the roof to let the smoke from the fire out.)*
- 5) **Why do you get houses made of different materials - for example in the Lake District there are lots of stone houses, in Norway there are lots of wooden houses?** *(Often houses are made from local materials. The houses in the Lake District are made from local slate rather than using bricks which would have to be transported. In Norway they have a lot of pine forests which provides a good supply of building materials.)*

When you next go into Dudley see how many different kinds of house your child can spot!