The Write Way to Scaffold

Assisting boys with writing

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What is a scaffold?

- Framework to assist boys with writing
- Key words or phrases according to genre
- Templates of starters, connectors and sentence modifiers
What research says - Vygotsky

Zone of proximal development

Difference between what a learner can do without help and what he can do with help
What research says - Vygotsky

Before writing boys need to explore the topic or genre

• Discuss
• Hear
• See some examples
Communication and brainstorming

Confidence to tackle the topic

Brainstorm in groups

Key points on the board – in order

Questioning by teacher
Mother’s Day poem

• Teach the beat: 2/2 4/3 4/4

• What does your mother like to do? Favourite pastimes, exercise etc.

• What does she like to eat and drink?

• Favourite or funny sayings

• Any amusing idiosyncrasies? (habits)

• Some of your mum’s great qualities