

CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES - INTENT



Whole School Curriculum Intent

Our intent is to create active learners who can reflect, question, wonder, think, connect, be self-aware and be resilient. We intend to provide opportunities for our children to build knowledge, make meaning and apply understanding across a range of learning experiences. As an increasingly diverse school, the promotion of acceptance and inclusion underpins our curriculum, whilst maintaining our strong Christian values and ethos.

Subject Intent

Our intent is to create an ethos of, 'reading for pleasure,' forming lifelong readers; alongside an engaging reading curriculum, catering to the diversity within our school. We intend to offer varied literature to include challenging texts and genres, featuring poetry, modern and classic texts; to promote the use of high level vocabulary, stamina, understanding and reading skills, with time for meaningful discussions. We aim to continue building strong relationships with parents and outside agencies, to continuously promote the importance of reading.

ENGLISH

Aims

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

