

Statement of Intent – English

Purpose – Why is this subject important?

- English is important because it teaches the skills and knowledge to be able to read, write, speak and listen, in order for children to be successful in their learning and future lives.
- English opens the doors for children to learn and succeed in many other curriculum areas.
- Learning the skills taught in English enables children to become successful communicators
- We want our children to develop a lifelong love of reading and writing.
- Being able to read, write, speak and listen provides children with a sense of fulfilment and can positively impact on their wellbeing.

Principles – What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning in this subject?

- Children acquire the skills of being able to read through distinct phonics lessons. As well as the mechanics of reading, children learn to comprehend a range of genres and crucially love the journeys and places books transport them.
- Distinct spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons are taught, ensuring the mechanics of writing are embedded
- Children learn to write creatively and imaginatively in a range of genres, writing for meaning and purpose, developing their own style.
- Children learn about a range of writers and authors, exposing the children to a wealth of education, history and culture.
- Teachers are part of the reading and writing experience, modelling hand written example texts, sharing, guiding and editing writing together and reading aloud a class novel for all our enjoyment.
- Opportunities for drama, partner & group work are prevalent throughout the English curriculum.
- Speaking and Listening is developed through asking and answering questions, building upon the ideas of others, justifying and reasoning and by providing opportunities to share and present.
- Adventurous Vocabulary is explored with intrigue, including the analysing shades of meaning for children to apply in both their writing and spoken language.

Expectations – What does success look like?

- Children enjoy and achieve in English.
- Children have the desire and stamina to write at length for purpose and pleasure.
- Children are able to read confidently and fluently with an eagerness to read.
- Children have been exposed to high quality texts and authors enriching their spiritual, moral and cultural development
- Children are able to understand a wide range of vocabulary and can effectively apply this into their writing and spoken language
- Children are effective and confident communicators
- Children are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to confidently take their next steps into further education and the wider world.