

Our English Curriculum

“I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn.”
Anne Frank

English is a core subject of the National Curriculum and a prerequisite for educational and social progress as it underpins the work undertaken in all areas of the curriculum. The acquisition of spoken and written language and early reading skills are of the upmost importance to us here at St Mary of the Angels School and therefore the teaching of all aspects English is given a high priority within our school.

At St Mary of the Angels our intention is to:

- Teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions clearly and audibly in ways which take account of their listeners.
- Develop confident, independent readers who can read easily, fluently and with good understanding;
- Immerse pupils in the wonders of quality texts to instil a love for reading that will not only support their learning across the curriculum, but also extend beyond the classroom environment and enrich their lives.
- Teach Children how to draw on their love of reading and their knowledge of different texts to aid them with producing a grammatically accurate and coherent written text, fit for audience and purpose.
- Ensure children acquire a wide vocabulary and a sound understanding of the basics – spelling, grammar, handwriting and punctuation – so they have all the necessary tools for effective oral and written communication;
- Value and celebrate our rich and varied literary heritage and diversity in culture and language;
- Foster in pupils the confidence, desire and ability to express their views and opinions, make formal presentations, perform to others and participate in debate;
- Enable children to reflect on and evaluate their own and others’ contribution in a range of activities;
- Increase the children’s ability to use planning, drafting and editing to improve their work;
- Use new technologies to improve and enhance work;