

English Statement of Intent

At Hermitage Primary School we believe that a quality English curriculum should develop children's love of reading, writing and discussion. It should inspire an appreciation of our rich and varied literary heritage and promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word. We aim to promote a positive attitude to English and engender a life-long love of language and communication by learning about literacy skills through quality children's text and books that interest, inspire and excite readers.

We want our children to read easily, fluently and with good understanding. We aim to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information.

We recognise the importance of nurturing a culture where children take pride in their writing can write clearly, accurately and coherently and adapt their language and style for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences.

We want to inspire our children to be confident in the art of speaking and listening, using discussion in order to learn and being able to elaborate and explain their understanding and ideas clearly, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate. We want to ensure that all pupils acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and a knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language.

We believe that a secure basis in literacy skills will give our children the tools they need to participate fully as a member of society and enable them to learn and develop their knowledge and skills to their highest potential.