



## **Subject Vision 2023-2024**

### **Subject: English**

**English Leaders: C Soper (RD)/ O Edwards (GB)**

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At Castle Hill Primary School, we believe that all aspects of the English Curriculum are at the heart of every subject as well as everyday life. We use a rich breadth of quality texts which complement our ethos of 'Aiming for Excellence' as well as promoting high standards of reading and writing. Above all, our English curriculum is designed for all children to fall in love with it.

### **Reading**

Reading for pleasure is part of our school culture and is paramount at Castle Hill Primary. We believe in building positive reading identities for all children. By that, we mean children are encouraged to feed their reading diet by experimenting with what reading means to them whether this be by discovering their preferences or by engaging in rich book talk in school and at home. As well as this we believe that by explicitly focussing on teaching strategies through engaging texts will inspire children to become lifelong readers.

At Castle Hill Primary School, early reading is a priority. Using Essential Letters & Sounds (ELS), lessons follow a specific sequence that allows children to build on their previous phonetic knowledge. Through using this systematic synthetic phonics scheme, our vision- as is the vision of the programme itself- is that "All children will learn to read, quickly". Throughout their time at Castle Hill, it is our goal for each child to be able to reflect back on their understanding of word reading and comprehension and apply it to be successful within their reading and writing.

### **Writing**

Our English curriculum takes our children on a journey to become expert writers. The teaching of specific grammar and spelling skills through our English learning journeys empowers our children to write creatively and nurtures a culture of pride in their writing. We endeavour to provide children with the opportunity to develop their skills and knowledge that will enable them to communicate effectively and creatively through spoken and written language.