

What are the aims of English?

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.

Why is English important?

At Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School we believe that literacy and communication are key life skills. Through the English curriculum, we will help children to develop the skills and knowledge that will enable them to communicate effectively and creatively through spoken and written language and equip them with the skills to become lifelong learners. We want children to enjoy and appreciate literature and its rich variety.

Our School Vision:

"You are the light of the world. A school that stands on a hill cannot be hidden". (Adapted from Matthew 5:14)

What do we learn?

The elements of the English curriculum include:

- ◆ Reading
- ◆ Writing (including handwriting, spelling and grammar)
- ◆ Spoken language (speaking, listening, role play and drama)

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What events take place as part of our English curriculum?

We look for opportunities through the year to enhance the teaching of English. As a school, we celebrate Roald Dahl Day and World Book Day and we host a Scholastic Book Fair every 2 years to help promote reading for pleasure. Pupils from Year 2-6 take part in our annual Public Speaking Competition. We take pupils on visits to the theatre and will have visiting drama companies.

"The more that you read the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go".
Dr Seuss

The English Curriculum

The English curriculum at Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School is delivered using the National Curriculum English Document (2014). The Early Learning Goals are followed to ensure continuity and progression from the Early Years Foundation stage through to the National Curriculum. Teachers group children according to their abilities and work should be differentiated accordingly using effective methods such as support, outcome and task. Where appropriate, literacy units will link to creative curriculum themes to promote cross curricular learning.