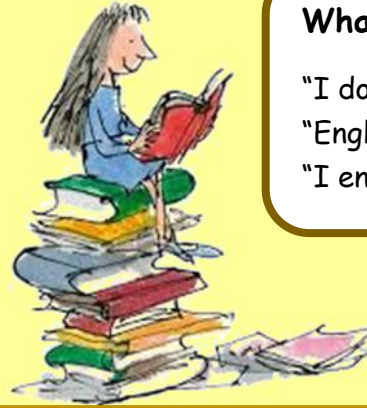


Why is it important to learn English?

Competence in English enables children to communicate effectively and leads to improved life opportunities. At St Peter's Primary School the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing enable children to organise and express their own thoughts and to access the knowledge and ideas of others. Through our class worships in school and in church, St Peter's children are encouraged to speak and perform in front of an audience and so develop their confidence, clarity and fluency.



What Pupils say about English at St Peter's

"I don't like reading, I love it!"

"English is my favourite subject. I love writing stories."

"I enjoy reading because it takes you to a different world"

"Let the questions be the Curriculum"

Socrates



English at St Peter's

Opportunities to celebrate English:

World Book Day, National Storytelling Week, Class Worship Performances, library visits, visiting authors. National Poetry Day.



"Sowing the seeds of tomorrow."

Matthew 13:1-23

What does English look like at St Peter's?

At St. Peter's we firmly believe that reading is at the heart of all that we do. We aim to ensure a balanced mix of approaches to reading so that our pupils achieve the skills required, a positive attitude, confidence as well as interest and a life-long love of literature. The teaching units are progressive and designed to meet the National Curriculum English requirements for all year group. We use our creative curriculum topics to encourage our children to write for a variety of purposes and audiences; clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style as required. As spoken language underpins the development of reading and writing, we place emphasis on speaking and listening skills to enable children to communicate across a range of contexts and audiences. Drama and role play is regularly used in lessons to encourage creativity in writing. Writing is celebrated and displayed in classrooms and around the school. Early readers are taught how to decode, by blending phonemes together to sound out words. We have a systematic and structured phonics programme, teaching 'Letters and Sounds' using the 'Monster Phonics' scheme and resources in school.

Writing Impact

By the time children leave St. Peter's they are enthusiastic and accomplished writers who are developing a real flair for the English language. They will amass a varied vocabulary that can be used to write for a range of purposes across the curriculum.

Reading Impact

By the time children leave St Peter's they are fluent, confident and enthusiastic readers, who can recommend books to their peers. They have a thirst for knowledge, can read a wide range of genres and confidently participate in discussions about what they have read.