



# St Anne's Catholic Primary School

## English Curriculum Celebration 2021

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# A year in writing

Although this year has been very different, the children at St. Anne's have risen to the challenges and have engaged in a breadth of reading and writing opportunities. They have been inspired by a range of texts and have created their own wonderful pieces of writing.

Year 3 started the year with a 'Bang' and a 'Kapow' as the children turned into comic strip writers! The topic kicked off with a good, old-fashioned game of Top Trumps, to give them some inspiration for superhero characters. It culminated in a Christmas themed comic, set in New York with the superhero called 'Bauble Bates'!

Christmas was a magical time for our pupils across the school. The children in Year 1 were joined by two very naughty elves who helped them with their Christmas poetry. The children worked really hard to recite the poem 'The Night Before Christmas'. They then worked in groups to perform the poem with a focus on expression, volume, tone and punctuation.

Year 4 were joined by famous author Frank Cottrell Boyce, who wrote their Autumn text 'The Astounding Broccoli Boy'. They were lucky enough to interview him and listen to his experiences, influences and inspirations. The

children were immersed in the story, before creating their own chapter.



In the Spring Term, the children in Year 5 studied the impact of deforestation. Although they started their research at home (due to school closures) they brought their topic to life when they returned to school. The children gathered their thoughts on the issue, before vocalising their points during a class debate.



Since the Spring Term, the children in Reception have used Makaton as part of their talk for writing. The signs and actions have supported children in learning and retelling stories including Jack and The Beanstalk, The Enormous Turnip, The Gingerbread Man and How to Catch a Star.



It was a very mysterious Summer Term for Year 6 as they explored a range of detective fiction. The children engaged with a video link from author Robin Stevens who set them a challenge to plan and write their own detective story using provided subheadings. The children seized the opportunity and produced some impressive, creative stories.

During the Summer Term, the children in Year 2 were in regular contact with inspirational author Andy Shepherd who wrote the book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragon's'. The children were so inspired that they decided to create riddles, acrostic poems, invitations and book reviews based on the text. Their fantastic work has been displayed in Ormskirk Library.

