



St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School – Writing Curriculum Intent



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At St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School, we are WRITERS! We want children to love English and know that they can become novelists, journalists or even a teacher of English. We aim to encourage all children to be independent writers for a range of audiences across different text types. Pupils will be taught to apply their knowledge and skills across a wide variety of genres, including challenging texts. They will be expected to apply this in all areas of the curriculum and independently. Themes have been carefully developed around quality, challenging texts building children's resilience. Our aim is for pupils to leave St Bartholomew's with a love writing; and be able to express their thoughts and ideas clearly through speaking, listening and writing. We want children to remember their lessons and give them opportunities they may not be able to experience outside of school. For example, Dan Worsley discussing his books with the children and participating in a workshop with him.

We believe that all pupils should be able to confidently communicate their knowledge, ideas and emotions through their writing. We want pupils to acquire a wide vocabulary, a solid understanding of grammar and be able to spell new words effectively by applying the spelling patterns and rules they learn throughout their time in primary school. We want them to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences. We believe that all pupils should be encouraged to take pride in the presentation of their writing, in part by developing a neat, joined, handwriting style by the time they move to secondary school. We believe that all good writers refine and edit their writing over time, so we want children to develop independence in being able to identify their own areas for improvement in pieces of writing, editing their work effectively during and after the writing process.

The skills of language are essential to participating fully as a member of society and will leave St Bart's well equipped for experiences in later life. In order to ensure this, the English curriculum has been created to ensure that high standards of teaching and learning are taking place across the school. English is taught daily throughout school, focussing on non-fiction text, fiction text and poetry, covering objectives stated in the National Curriculum. It allows adequate time for the subject to be taught and ensures the children's knowledge is secure and is being retained into their long term memory.

As a school, we believe that our pupils need to be actively involved in making sense of their own learning. Within each year group, English strands are revisited in a progressive manner to ensure that children have the opportunity to build upon previous skills and knowledge thus ensuring that all children acquire good writing skills that they can take on to the next stages of their lives.