



St James' Church of England Primary School

English



Our Christian Values and Pupils' Personal Development

Our curriculum is an important means by which we develop the values of our school in our pupils during their time at St James' Church of England Primary School. When planning and delivering lessons, teachers give attention to our Christian values of **Endurance, Forgiveness, Koinonia, Peace, Thankfulness** and **Trust** which are relevant to the unit of work. Our aim is to encourage positive attitudes to learning, to ourselves as individuals and to other members of our community.

Cultural Capital

Through our curriculum we aim to provide our children with the skills and knowledge they require to be educated citizens with an appreciation of human creativity and achievement throughout human history. With these insights our pupils will have the capacity to be happy, independent, confident individuals able to benefit from and contribute to their local communities and wider society.

Reading

The effective teaching of reading is of paramount importance. Becoming efficient readers enables our children to achieve our other curricular aims much more easily. It is a skill for life. We give the highest priority to the improvement of children's reading

Purpose of Study

At St James' Church of England Primary School, we strive to help our children develop into articulate and imaginative communicators, who are well-equipped with the basic skills they need to succeed. Our English curriculum brings together the important skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, equipping our children to be critical thinkers and effective communicators both in written and oral forms. Our English curriculum equips St James' Church of England Primary School children with essential skills to enable them to be lifelong learners, underpinning all other areas of their learning.

At St James' Church of England Primary School, we follow the National Curriculum Programmes of Study for Key Stage One and Two. It states:

-  English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. A high-quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. It places importance on all the skills of language, which are essential to participating fully as a member of society.
-  Our English lessons develop pupils' spoken language, reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary. The skills of English are taught in discreet English lessons which are then applied and practised in a cross curricular approach, linking up and making connections across subjects.

Aims

Our aim is to plan for an English curriculum that engages, excites and empowers our children. We aim to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word. This is all driven through developing children's love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment.

We have designed an English curriculum that reflects the needs of our children and:

-  builds on children's prior knowledge
-  provides relevant and stimulating learning experiences
-  develops effective and successful communicators of the future
-  develops a love of reading and a passion for writing
-  creates stimulating and exciting learning experiences both within and beyond the classroom
-  promotes a language rich environment, where the children are able to speak clearly and with confidence, conveying their views and ideas fluently using an ever growing vocabulary
-  ensures that pupils not only read for pleasure but use books to research and gather new knowledge to extend their understanding.

English is celebrated and promoted across the school with events and extracurricular activities such as World Book Day, The 100 Book library Challenge and the Lancashire Fantastic Book Awards