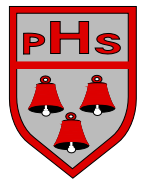


Heighington CE Primary School

'Life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)



As a village school, we acknowledge our role in our community. Our curriculum is constantly evolving, responding to the needs of our learners and their interests by enhancing learning experiences and raising awareness from our local area to national and global arenas.

Intent:

For children to fall in love with reading and writing, we must show them that we love books.

The intent of our English curriculum is to pass on our passion for books and stories in the knowledge that this will help us to grow and become better people. In order to do this, we aim to provide all children with quality first teaching of reading and writing through a structured and systematic approach to learning which excites and engages their curiosity. Our curriculum recognises the importance of English in every aspect of daily life and develops our children's love of reading, writing and discussion. We are committed to nurturing a culture where children love to read, take pride in their writing and can clearly and accurately adapt their language and style for a range of contexts. We want to inspire children to be confident in the art of speaking and listening and to be able to use discussion to communicate their ideas and opinions, safe in the knowledge that these will be valued when challenged by others.

Implementation:

We want our children to be inquisitive, courageous, creative and resilient learners. In English, we aim to achieve this by developing a secure knowledge base in literacy, which follows a clear pathway of progression for our children as they advance through the school. We believe that a secure basis in literacy is crucial to enabling our children to become lifelong learners and participate fully as members of society.

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
- 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
- Develop a love of writing and to be able to express their thoughts and ideas clearly and creatively
- Re-read, edit and improve their own writing
- Confidently use the essential skills of grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- Use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and clearly explain their understanding and ideas
- Become competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

We are committed to delivering these aims in an engaging and purposeful way. Our English teaching is supported by using materials which we know will work for our children. At Heighington, our children's learning is facilitated by using the Read, Write, Inc approach to early reading, Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing and Reading Explorers to teach the reading skills of literal, deductive and inference questioning along with study skills. Other published programmes are used when they are appropriate for the needs of our children.

Impact

As a result, reading is at the heart of our learning. We have a community of enthusiastic readers and writers who enjoy showcasing their developing skills and are confident to take risks. They love to discuss, share and debate their ideas! Our children will enter a society with the skills to progress through the next phase of learning and throughout their adulthood.