



# St Luke's RC Primary School



## English

### Subject Intent

At St. Luke's R.C, our English lessons develop pupils' spoken language, reading, writing and grammar and vocabulary. English is taught in a cross-curricular way, linking up with other areas of the curriculum. We teach our pupils to speak clearly, to convey their ideas fluently and confidently and to ask questions; use of Kagan structures (varied paired and group discussions, as well as sitting in mixed ability groups) across the school supports this. Their vocabulary is developed systematically. Our pupils are encouraged to read for pleasure and to read widely. We use Rainbow Phonics and Letters and Sounds for our phonics programme. Phonic awareness helps the development of reading by segmenting and blending sounds. The children will be heard reading individually and in groups. The guided reading sessions cover both fiction and non-fiction texts. Daily guided reading also develops the children's comprehension skills. Through Reading Workshops, parents are given clear expectations about reading at home.

We develop writing skills so that our pupils have the stamina and ability to write at the age expected standard. To support children in moving towards independent writing we provide a wide range of activities including use of film and imagery, modelled, shared and guided writing, peer editing and discussion. We use talk for writing to encourage pupils to express their ideas, exchange ideas and to develop more sophisticated vocabulary. We provide opportunities for writing for a real purpose and we encourage pupils to see themselves as authors. Handwriting, punctuation and grammar sessions are incorporated into the English lessons. A range of extra activities are used to promote English within the school including an annual focus week, World Book Day, library visits, author visits, trips and topic visitors. Spelling is taught using 'No Nonsense Spelling' and the use of 'Spelling Shed', whereby children are encouraged to practise their year group spelling lists at home and within the classroom.

### National Curriculum Aims

National Curriculum English Programmes of Study:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-english-programmes-of-study/national-curriculum-in-england-english-programmes-of-study>