

Our Vision

We recognise the link between reading and writing, particularly in developing children's vocabulary. Children will be exposed to a variety of text genres in order to mimic their features and styles.

We follow Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing strategies; we believe that children need firm models of language use which they can then replicate.

Grammatical features from the National Curriculum are taught in discrete lessons, with independent extended writing tasks set in order for children to demonstrate their learning

Teachers promote class-wide reflections about their writing in order to develop resilience, writing stamina and editing abilities.

Writing

What our children say

"My favourite thing to write is stories. Our teachers get us to use our imaginations and I think I'm good at that."

"I've definitely got better at writing. I can write for longer and I get how to use commas now."

"Learning the actions for a story helps me get the sentences stuck in my head."

"Now I know lots of ways to help if I get stuck with a spelling."

What it looks like in school

Teachers give refined definitions of new vocabulary during Guided Reading sessions in order that children can use this appropriately in their writing. Vocabulary displays will be evident throughout the school.

Across the school year several writing tasks will use Talk for Writing. Teachers will write an age-appropriate yet challenging text containing features they are teaching; children will learn the text by memorising it with actions. This should help them internalise sentence structures which they can use in future independent writing. This method is used for both fiction and non-fiction writing.

Teachers identify key aspects of the English curriculum and tailor writing activities to these, giving children an appropriate opportunity to demonstrate new learning.

Spelling is taught systematically across the school in discrete sessions. In larger writing tasks the spelling focus will be on age-dependent spelling rules and key vocabulary.

Writing is celebrated across the school with a 'Writer of the week' board, children sharing their writing with other children, writing competitions and author visits.