



ENGLISH AT ST MARY'S

Our school vision **"they will soar on wings like eagles"**

Our children will gain an understanding of how reading and writing, both modern and contemporary, aids our understanding of the world around us. Pupils will acquire and study a range of diverse and challenging texts to support them in their own journey of becoming readers and writers. They will have the opportunity to learn how to communicate effectively both orally and in the written form. In turn, they will grow in confidence as writers who seek to express ideas both imaginatively and transactionally.

RESPECT

Children will show respect for varying text types and writers. They will learn about a wide range of texts and authors who have influenced modern day literature.

NURTURE

Through our Christian values, we nurture our pupils to find a love of learning through drama, stories and writing. Using texts, we promote an understanding of the world and people's feelings around us. This supports pupils to develop compassion and understanding of others as well as understanding emotions through written words.

COMMUNITY

Children will read varying texts from different time periods, different viewpoints and of different genres. They can explore the impact that these texts have on the audience and the wider world. Children gain an understanding of different cultures, global issues that arise in other communities through exposure to cultural capital texts.

COURAGE

AMBITION

RESPONSIBILITY



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<p>Children will learn to put failures and mistakes into a growth mindset and view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow through the application and practice of core literary and language skills.</p>	<p>Students will learn how to combine knowledge, experience and judgement through the study of traditional and modern literature. These types of texts enable and facilitate students to be able to understand the key moral messages, through the characters and subjects of which they are about, including real life experiences.</p>	<p>Inspiring children through exposure to a wide range of texts to help them develop responsibility and resilience. We encourage them to take healthy risks in pursuit of their aspirations.</p>
<p>SPIRITUALITY</p>	<p>GLOBAL CITIZENS</p>	<p>AWE AND WONDER</p>
<p>We enable spiritual development by exploring how different authors have impacted different people over time. Spirituality is nurtured through enabling children to express and compare their personal beliefs through discussions and stories.</p>	<p>Children will engage with a diverse range of high quality texts as part of the curriculum. It enables our children to learn about cultural differences, neurodiversity, social and historical backgrounds and global issues in the wider world around them.</p>	<p>Experiences such as author visits clubs and performances offer our children the opportunity to find their own passion, creativity and love of reading, writing and performing. We bring the study of literature to life through plays as pupils visit other worlds through books and texts.</p>



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