

Why is English important?

At Gorse Hill Primary School, we believe that Literacy is a fundamental life skill. We recognise the challenges faced by many of the children in our school and believe this not only effects their progress in school but also has a profound influence upon the course of their whole lives. English skills develop children's ability to listen, speak, read and write for a wide range of purposes. By the time they leave our school we want our children to be enabled to express themselves creatively and imaginatively and become enthusiastic and critical readers of stories, poetry and drama, as well as non-fiction and media texts.

What does English look like at Gorse Hill?

At Gorse Hill Primary we believe that English is a key skill that needs great emphasis in the curriculum with daily opportunities to learn and practice English skills in a wide variety of formats.

Teachers will seek to take advantage of opportunities to make cross-curricular links. They will plan for pupils to practise and apply the skills, knowledge and understanding acquired through literacy lessons to other areas of the curriculum. Extended writing is expected to be produced in Topic and Science; to showcase the children's transferrable literacy skills.



What do our children think?

"In Read Write Inc. we learn sounds and then we can use them to read books and write our stories. If you're a grown up, you can learn anything."

- Banale (Year 2)

"English helps with Maths and other subjects to understand the question. You would not be able to read or write so couldn't express yourself or talk to people."

Nawres (Year 4)

"I love writing stories in English. It gives us the chance to use everything we've learned to express our imagination and do our best work."

- Mason (Year 6)

"When you get older and you need a job, you will need to write important letters and need correct punctuation to get the job. I really enjoyed writing scary stories and making videos."

- Nathan (Year 6)

What is our vision for English at Gorse Hill?

A curriculum that ensure exposure to a wide range of genre and high-quality texts with opportunities for children to enrich their understanding and ability to express themselves in any situation.

Children will gain an understanding of how language works by looking at its patterns, structures and origins.

To prepare our children for their future, they must learn to use their knowledge, skills and understanding in speaking and writing across all areas of the curriculum.

We intend for our children to experience and enjoy the whole process of writing and reading, including drama and digital literacy opportunities, that inspire curiosity and enthusiasm.

A team of teaching staff who deliver a culturally rich and engaging curriculum to children, offering support and guidance throughout their journey.