

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School



Writing Curriculum Statement

Intent

Writing is an essential part of the curriculum at Salway Ash. By the time children leave, we intend our pupils to enjoy writing, have secure writing skills, and use this to express their thoughts and ideas clearly and creatively through the written word.

Implementation

Our teaching of writing is linked to high-quality children's literature. The range of literature studied across the school is designed to challenge, motivate and stimulate children's imagination and understanding of the world around them. Children examine the language and rich vocabulary used, as well as exploring characterisation and themes within the books. Through exploring high quality texts, pupils gain an understanding of how to compose writing in different genres, writing for both engagement and purpose, and for a range of audiences. Teaching of vocabulary forms part of daily English lessons to extend children's ability to communicate well and expand pupils' vocabulary. Where possible, the books studied in class link to other curriculum topics to further contextualise pupils' learning. Grammar and punctuation are taught discreetly and in context to ensure children have the necessary skills to write effectively and apply these skills in creative writing opportunities. Children are taught how to plan, draft and edit their writing to suit the purpose and evaluate their writing choices, supporting them to continually improve. We set high expectations for all our pupils to take pride in their work and correct letter formation is taught from EYFS, leading to a fluent, cursive handwriting style in KS2. Spelling is taught daily in KS1 through phonics lessons and in KS2 we use the Westover Green spelling scheme. Children who require additional support in spelling are provided with intervention tailored to address their gaps and accelerate progress.

Impact

All pupils will make good progress from their starting points as teaching and learning will follow a clearly set out progression of writing skills. By the end of Year 6, children will be able to write clearly and confidently, using accurate punctuation, spelling and grammar, and have a range of experiences to draw from to enable them to write creatively and imaginatively. Our pupils will have an extensive vocabulary and will be able to carefully select words for meaning, constructing meaningful sentences, paragraphs and whole texts in a range of styles and genres. Individuals will be well-equipped to communicate effectively through the written word as they continue their education and will be inspired to write for enjoyment.