



Ashmole Primary School

English – Our Philosophy

At Ashmole Primary School we believe that the teaching of English is an essential part of the curriculum. We use language to think and communicate and want to encourage and develop every child to the best of his/her ability.

Aims:

The school aims to provide:

- a curriculum which will enable all children to attain their full potential in literacy and oracy.
- children with the skills to become competent, confident users of language in all its forms.
- a curriculum which meets the requirements of English in the National Curriculum and Communication, Language and Literacy in the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

To achieve this, the school will provide children with:

- a wide range of language experiences, in a variety of contexts, linked to real purposes and audiences.
- a structured, progressive and balanced range of differentiated learning opportunities.
- a range of quality resources that are stimulating and reflect children's interests as well as supporting their language development.

To this end we are committed to teaching a daily English lesson, which stimulates, challenges, encourages and extends our pupils' knowledge, understanding and use of language. The scheme of work for our school is based on the new national curriculum programme of study for English. Additional English teaching takes place through rhymes and class stories, speaking and listening activities and opportunities for extended writing. In EYFS and KS1 a discrete 20 minutes phonics session will be taught daily. This will be maintained in KS2 where appropriate.