

English is used in every subject and our approach is to link speaking and listening with reading, writing and spelling. We try to foster a love of reading and use a variety of methods to give children the necessary skills and also enjoy a range of books and confidence in choice, including phonics. Letters and sounds is used to give our children a phased and thorough basis on which to build reading and writing skills. A daily lesson for all children in school teaches sound/letter recognition groups of sounds, spelling patterns and development of grammar. Children are taught how to develop their understanding of Letters and Sounds. This shows in the good progress made in reading. Children are grouped across each year group according to the pace that they learn. We encourage the children to write clearly about a variety of experiences, topics and stories. We foster the love of poetry. We use mime and drama to develop the imagination and also for problem solving.

*There is an exciting range of topics to write about – Ofsted 2012.*

Reading is taught in all classes in the school using a wide variety of texts. The children will be given a school book bag when they come into school and will bring reading books and library books home daily. They have a reading diary, which staff will record their reading activity in and we ask that parents share the books by reading with the children at home and marking the 'Home' section of the diary. Children will normally change reading and library books once a week. Our key reading scheme is the Oxford Reading Tree but we also add breadth by using books from other schemes especially for guided reading.

Replacement book bags are also on sale at the school office, please do not use the book bags to carry clothing – they are designed to keep the books clean and damage free.