



English Writing

Intent

At Upton Heath Primary School, English, and the teaching of English, is the foundation of our curriculum. We strive to provide a rich programme of English which has been designed to build upon and extend children's literacy skills and enjoyment of writing as they progress from Early Years Foundation Stage to year six with no child left behind. Delivered through our 'Quest Curriculum', English writing is embedded within all of our lessons across the entire curriculum which ensures that learning is relevant and meaningful. The intention is that children gain a firm understanding of what can be achieved in writing through reading, analysing, evaluating, and creating across a wide variety of subjects, styles, traditions, and genres.

Our objective at Upton Heath Primary is for children to develop a curiosity for and love of writing. In addition to understanding the importance of all types and styles of writing and how it reflects society and culture, our children will develop their skill set in three key areas: accuracy, fluency and control.

Accuracy: in spellings and sentence structure.

Fluency: when writing at speed and exploring wider vocabulary.

Control: of handwriting, tone, tense, and expression.

We are committed to ensuring that the English writing curriculum should be; relevant to each year group; genuinely purposeful; include key vocabulary; and allow children to develop their own styles and composition in a variety of different contexts.

Implementation

At Upton Heath, English Writing is embedded throughout the Quest Curriculum. With the same high standards of writing expected in all subjects. The skills needed to write well are taught alongside and within the context of the current 'Quest' that the children are working on. This reduces cognitive load and allows children to focus more energy on the writing skills being taught, while at the same time further embedding key vocabulary and concepts.

Impact

The development of children's writing is evident in all areas of our school and across our curriculum. The impact that our curriculum has can be seen in the progress that children make from Reception to Year 6, in their books and in their love of writing.