



Atherton Sacred Heart RC Primary School

ENGLISH in the Curriculum

Why do we study English?

Sacred Heart aims to provide a high-quality education in English to:

- Speak and write fluently to communicate,
- Through reading, develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually,
- To participate fully as a member of society.

Our main aims for the children:

- To ensure that children have access to a wide range of books and genres.
- Widespread reading for pleasure and information (with a good comprehension understanding.)
- Develop a wide vocabulary and a good understanding of grammar.
- To appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage.
- To write clearly, accurately and coherently, being able to write in a variety of styles and forms appropriate to the situation
- To use discussion in order to learn, elaborate and explain.
- To develop our skills of speaking and listening through presentations, participating in debate and learning poetry by heart.

In the Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) children should be given opportunities to:

- speak and listen and represent ideas in their activities;
- use communication, language and literacy in every part of the curriculum;
- become immersed in an environment rich in print and possibilities for communication.

At Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2), children should learn to speak confidently and listen to what others have to say. They should begin to read and write independently and with enthusiasm. They should use language to explore their own experiences and imaginary worlds.

At Key Stage Two (Years 3-6), children should learn to change the way they speak and write to suit different situations, purposes and audiences. They should read a range of texts and respond to different layers of meaning in them. They should explore the use of language in literary and non-literary texts and learn how the structure of language works.

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