

English

At Willow Grove our intent is for all children to be given the skills and knowledge required to leave our school feeling that they are confident, happy learners, equipped with the skills to become lifelong learners. We intend the National Curriculum for English to be taught within a variety of learning experiences to enable children to have the opportunity to be confident in reading, writing and speaking and listening. There are lots of opportunities for children to consolidate and reinforce learning within a curriculum built on a progression of skills, ensuring knowledge is embedded and secure before moving on to secondary school.

Intent

The overarching aim for English in the National Curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment.

The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

Read easily, fluently and with good understanding

Develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information

Acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language

Appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage

Write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences

Use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas

Are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

Areas for skills development

Phonics

Reading (wide range of genres)

Writing for different purposes

Speaking and Listening

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Drama