

English - Writing

At Willow Grove we strive to help our children develop into articulate and imaginative communicators, who are well-equipped with the basic skills they need to become life-long learners; English learning is key in this. We aim to ensure all of our children develop a genuine love of language and the written word, through a text-based approach.

Careful links are made across the curriculum to ensure that children's English learning is relevant and meaningful: where possible linking our reading, writing to the topic that we are covering each term. We ensure that children develop an understanding of how widely writing is used in everyday life and, therefore, how important and useful the skills are that they are learning.

Intent

Our intentions in writing are for children to:

- Write for a purpose
- See themselves as real writers
- Take ownership of their writing
- See writing as an interesting and enjoyable process
- Acquire the ability to organise and plan their written work

Areas for skills development

- Phonics and spelling rules
- Learning common exception words
- Prefixes and suffixes
- More complex spelling conventions
- Transcription and handwriting
- Planning writing and editing
- Awareness of audience, purpose and structure
- Sentence construction and tense
- Use of phrases and clauses
- Punctuation
- Use of Terminology