

## The Year 2 Learner

### Approach:

Within English lessons, children are taught speaking, listening, reading and writing skills through studying a variety of styles of writing (genres). Teachers follow the Teaching Sequence for Writing, which means that children will firstly be taught to read and understand the text, then practise these skills of the styles of writing (including grammar) and apply these into their own writing. Texts or lesson hooks are chosen to inspire the children and support their acquisition of broader literacy skills.

Genres studied in Year 2:

<u>English Genres:</u>		
<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>
Traditional Tales Explanations Poetry	Stories with recurring language Reports	Traditional Tales - Myths Take one book
<u>Autumn 2</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>	<u>Summer 2</u>
Calligrams Recounts Take one book	Poetry Take one book	Instructions Explanations Poetry

Children are taught to use punctuation and grammar accurately and how to check and edit their work. Children are encouraged to join their handwriting. Handwriting is taught discretely and explicitly within the English lesson to develop children's letter formation.

Children have weekly spelling tests which incorporate high frequency words, phonics and spelling rules and the Year 2 Common Exception words.

The national curriculum for English reflects the importance of spoken language in child's development across the whole curriculum - cognitively, socially and linguistically. This is at the forefront of a lot of what we do. Spoken language underpins the development of reading and writing. Children are given opportunities to listen to different text types and people and discuss these. Speaking and listening is integrated throughout the genres that are covered. They are encouraged to widen their vocabulary and discuss any words that they are unsure of.

The children develop their speaking and listening through numerous activities including:

- Shared writes
- Role play activities
- Hot seating
- Poem performances
- Group planning
- Class discussions.

All of the above follows the National Curriculum which provides the statutory requirements to be taught in year 2.