

## English



We believe that literacy lies at the heart of the curriculum and at the heart of our children's lives! Competence in English allows children to communicate effectively at home, at school and in the wider world. The skills of speaking, listening, reading, writing, together with the ability to use ICT, are needed to access the full curriculum and are more important than ever in today's world. In addition to this, the ability to enjoy and respond to literature at a personal level will enrich the lives of our children. With these principles in mind, we provide the following:

- A carefully planned, daily 90 minute literacy lesson;
- Encouragement and incentives for reading at home, which we see as vital
- A lesson structure that emphasises speaking, listening and co-operative learning – children work in partnerships and teams, helping each other to become skilled readers and writers;
- A focus on spelling skills at the level appropriate to each child;
- Opportunities for reading and writing across the curriculum;
- Individual or small group support where needed;
- Careful monitoring and assessment of each child's learning;
- High quality texts – we have an excellent stock of fiction, non-fiction, poetry and plays that form the basis of our teaching.