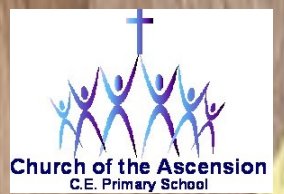


# English at Church of the Ascension Primary School



***'The more that you read, the more you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go...'***

## **What does English look like at Church of the Ascension?**

At Church of the Ascension Primary School, we recognise reading as a vital life skill and a gateway to future success. Our curriculum is built on the belief that reading should be at the heart of every child's education, supporting them to become **resilient, independent learners** who are equipped to thrive both in school and beyond.

We are committed to nurturing **lifelong readers**, children who read not only for academic growth but also for enjoyment, curiosity, and personal development. Through rich and varied texts, our pupils are encouraged to explore the world around them, challenge themselves, and build the confidence to read widely and with purpose.

Each classroom features a dedicated reading area, thoughtfully stocked with high-quality books that reflect a range of interests, cultures, and reading abilities. These spaces are designed to inspire a love of reading and to promote **self-directed learning**, while celebrating each child's progress and preferences.

In writing, we set high expectations and support our pupils to **aspire** to their full potential. We celebrate their efforts and achievements through vibrant displays across the school, showing our **appreciation** for their creativity, perseverance, and individual voice.

At Church of the Ascension, we believe every child has the right to a rich literacy journey—one that builds character, encourages ambition, and instils a lifelong appreciation for the power of words.

## **Examples of Learning**

At Ascension we have lots of opportunities to celebrate our English skills, such as World Book Day, Poetry Day and in Praise Assembly each week. We also enjoy writing letters to the wider community, such as in our geography and history lessons.

Each term we study a different book and this allows us to analyse and explore quality texts in detail. We have enjoyed studying many different books relating to our other curriculum topics.

## **What our children say**

*I really enjoy English, it is one of my favourite subjects and it is extremely varied, meaning nothing is repetitive and boring.*

*I think it is a good subject, it's fun and I love writing descriptions and stories.*

*I think it is amazing because it lets our mind run by the creative topics and wonderful lessons.*