



Subject Vision: English

“When I read great literature, great drama, speeches or sermons, I feel that the human mind has not achieved anything greater than the ability to share feelings and thoughts through language.”

James Earl Jones

What do we love about our subject?

At its basic level the teaching of English should allow children to speak coherently, read and write and thus enable them to function in society and learn so many other skills. However, the English language is so much more than a basic tool. These skills are the building blocks for social mobility. Coherent, compelling and convincing speakers and writers become the leaders of society. The ability of imaginative writers to craft sentences and give new meaning thrills the reader or brings us to tears. A love of reading travels with us through life and allows us to experience different thoughts, emotions and experiences. Quality teaching of English has the ability to enrich children’s lives, inspire them and give them the skills to succeed in life.

How do we want our pupils to talk about our subject?

- At All Saints we want children to be
- eager to read and write because they are hooked into the text types through experiences and have valid reasons and audiences for their work.
 - Motivated to improve their reading, through practice and questioning.
 - Interested in new vocabulary and attempt to use these.
 - Able to talk about their next steps in learning.

What are some of the big ideas in our subject? (NC Aims & school aims?)

- Reading
- Phonics
 - vocabulary
 - comprehension
- Writing
- word level: vocabulary
 - sentence level grammar
 - text level: audience, structure, coherence and creativity .
 - Spelling and handwriting: clarity for the reader and ease of editing.
- Speaking and listening
- Fluent speech
 - Confidence and body language
 - Drama
 - Discussion and questioning

What are some of the things we would love to teach in this subject?

- Love of reading
- Familiarity with key texts and authors
- Interest in vocabulary and the meaning and etymology of words
- Poetry writing and performance.
- Confident speaking and debating skills