

What does a week of English look like at Wickhambrook?

English is taught daily at Wickhambrook, a high quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others, and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. The ability to read and write in sentences which have correct grammar, punctuation and spelling underpins teaching in every subject of the curriculum. It is critical that children master these skills, to allow access to the curriculum.

In class weekly English structure:

- A discrete grammar lesson
- A discrete reading comprehension lesson teaching the skills of comprehension
- Opportunities for echo, paired and performance reading
- Short burst writing opportunities
- Extended writing opportunities
- Exposure to reading and writing across a variety of genres: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, music, picture
- Daily phonics in KS1
- Weekly phonics meeting in KS2
- 3x weekly spelling session in KS2
- Handwriting: 4x weekly in KS 1 and 1x weekly in KS2
- 3 in 3 reading and grammar in KS2
- A class text for either writing or reading focus or both
- Daily reading opportunities – individual reading for pleasure
- Daily teacher-led reading: end of day story, English lessons using class text
- Teaching modelling reading aloud
- Opportunities to explore language and new vocabulary
- High quality reading books per year group – levelled appropriately
- Reading displays and recommended reading lists

In curriculum lessons:

- Comprehension linked to curriculum subjects such as History.
- High quality texts linked to curriculum themes such as; Egyptians and Romans
- A focus on subject specific vocabulary
- Opportunities for extended writing
- The expectation to use age appropriately grammar accurately

Outside of the classroom:

- Weekly whole school reading assembly
- Weekend book bags to share stories at home
- Word of the week celebrated and discussed in our whole class reading assembly

Enrichment:

- House reading opportunities – ‘Wickham BOOK Club’
- Buddy reading
- Peer reading
- Library visit
- National writing competitions
- Visiting authors
- World Book Day