

English – Reading and Writing

Spiritual Development in English

- English supports spiritual development by giving pupils engaging opportunities to explore fiction, non-fiction, poetry and drama.
- Within reading and writing, pupils develop their ability to extract meaning beyond just retrieving literal information.
- Pupils examine the language used in a variety of genres and discuss the choice of language used and how style affects meaning.
- Pupils learn how to use the language they have developed in imaginative and original ways, which draws upon their reading knowledge and explicit vocabulary teaching.
- Through English, pupils can explore and engage with the feelings and values found in a wide range of genres.

Moral Development in English

- English supports moral development by enabling pupils to explore, discuss and evaluate a range of social and moral issues found in a wide range of genres, both non-fiction and fiction.
- Pupils begin to develop an awareness that right and wrong in life situations is not always universally agreed.
- Pupils explore and analyse appropriate texts which furnish them with the knowledge and ability to question and reason. This then enables them to develop their own value system and to make reasonable decisions on matters of personal integrity.
- Moral development is achieved through detailed and supportive methods of assessment and feedback, alongside actively encouraging self and peer assessment, some of the responsibility for progress is put into the hands of the pupils.

Social Development in English

- Reading and writing supports social development by helping pupils to understand how written and spoken language has changed over time.
- Pupils are provided with opportunities to read texts that portray issues and events relating to contemporary life or past experience in interesting and challenging ways.
- Participation, discussion, creativity, reflection and independence are encouraged in all lessons which helps and encourages the pupils' social and moral development.
- Pupils explore both vocabulary and grammar of standard English and dialect variations to gain an understanding of the origin of words and how their meanings might have changed throughout history.

Cultural Development in English

- English supports cultural development by exposing pupils to a wide range of written language from a variety of cultures and countries.
- Pupils are encouraged to develop an awareness of other faiths, cultures and ideas, as well as embracing their own, through different genres of text.

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- Through exposure to a range of texts, pupils are encouraged to empathise with the feelings and experiences of others to help develop their understanding of other people's attitudes, ideas and behaviour.
- Pupils are provided with the opportunity to widen their cultural experiences through theatre visits and external visitors.