

Heron's' Moor Academy

Statement of Intent: English – Speaking, Listening and Writing

At Heron's' Moor Academy, our English curriculum strives to teach all our pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas, opinions and emotions to others. We endeavour to help them realise how important the combination of their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills will be in the real world.

Children are taught the following:

- to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in order to entertain, inform, persuade and discuss;
- to acquire and use a wide vocabulary and precise knowledge of grammar;
- to be competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others, and participating in drama and debate.

We strive to provide an environment where:

- children write for pleasure and to share their ideas, as much as to write for clear, real-life purposes and audiences;
- children are given stimulating opportunities to be engaged and passionate about their writing;
- discussion helps children to explain their understanding, as well as to prepare for writing;
- mistakes are used as a platform for growth and learning through the use of drafting, evaluating and editing;
- children write across the curriculum, elaborating what they have learnt in many other subjects.

Our English curriculum is progressive from Nursery through to Year 6 and undertakes to provide each child with the building blocks they need to progress and succeed, leaving their primary education with a competence in and love of writing, as well as a confidence in discussion, drama and debate.