

## **ENGLISH**

English is recognised as being of paramount importance within the curriculum and the main objective of the English curriculum is to enable pupils to develop to the full their ability to use and understand language. In studying English, our pupils develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. We aim to provide a breadth and depth of experience with a high quality of content.

We use 'Rigby Star' in Pre-Prep and 'Literacy World' throughout the Prep Department as our core scheme and this is supplemented using a variety of other publications. Language is explored in a variety of ways including the study of Shakespeare through a visiting actor and workshops.

### **Reading**

Throughout each department reading is carefully monitored by the school and by the parents. The children are expected to read each day in addition to their set homework. At school the pupils can choose books from their class library and the school library.

### **Spelling**

Spelling is taught as part of the English curriculum. All pupils are expected to learn spellings and are tested regularly. The children are taught to 'look, say, cover, write, check' as a method of learning.

### **Handwriting**

Throughout the school the Nelson Handwriting scheme has been implemented and is practised on a regular basis. The majority of pupils are presenting their work in pen by the end of Year 4.

### **Drama**

The pupils take part in a drama production which is presented in the Summer term. They also have access to Speech and Drama lessons and during extra curricular activities they are given the opportunity to participate in a Drama club.

### **English Websites**

[www.popcap.com/launchpage.php?theGame=typershark&src=gamestack](http://www.popcap.com/launchpage.php?theGame=typershark&src=gamestack)

[www.alanbrown.com](http://www.alanbrown.com)

[www.scholastic.com/goosebumps](http://www.scholastic.com/goosebumps)

[www.scholastic.com/harrypotter](http://www.scholastic.com/harrypotter)

[www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/4\\_11/literacy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/4_11/literacy.shtml)