



‘Good literacy skills—the ability to read, write, and communicate confidently—are foundational to learning. They unlock access to all areas of the curriculum, enabling students to discover and pursue their individual talents and interests.’ (Improving Literacy in Key Stage One Guidance Report EEF)

At Woodlands Infant School we recognise how important the key skills of English are in enabling children to access the wider curriculum, fulfil their potential and succeed in later life. In addition to developing the skills critical to children’s academic achievement we aspire to develop a passion for literacy that will provide inspiration, enjoyment and enrichment in future life.

Throughout their time at Woodlands children will be exposed to a language rich environment and rigorous systematic phonics programme, this will ensure that all children leave school with the foundation skills needed to develop reading as a critical life skill.

By the end of their time at Woodlands children will be confident and enthusiastic writers who have the stamina and skills needed to write for a variety of purposes including presenting their own ideas, thoughts and feelings to others.

Woodlands Infant School aspires to provide excellent opportunities for English so that children can:

- Use and develop their language skills and vocabulary to communicate in a variety of contexts and situations.
- Use reading and writing skills taught in school in real life contexts in order to develop childrens understanding of the importance of English skills.
- Develop scientific literacy and critical thinking skills by designing and carrying out their own investigations
- Make excellent progress
- Nurture their love of literacy and a sense of excitement about reading.

In order for the above principles to be achieved, we will:

- Provide frequent, high quality real life experiences related to English
- Provide teachers with opportunities to further develop their subject knowledge
- Provide opportunities for children to ask their own questions, engage in discussions and share their own ideas and opinions linked to texts.
- Provide well maintained, organised and up to date resources, including IT which will support learning