

English

At St Mary's we teach English through dedicated English lessons across the school. These have slightly different formats depending on the age and stage of the pupils.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception) there is a great emphasis on speaking and listening as well as phonics. This is delivered daily, following the Letters and Sounds programme. Work is planned around a chosen topic using relevant, exciting texts which encourage a love of speaking, listening and writing.

In Key Stage 1 all pupils have a daily English lesson. This involves speaking and listening, reading and writing. Phonics lessons continue on a daily basis, Comprehension skills are introduced and Grammar is taught according to the National Curriculum 2014 guidelines.

Key Stage 2 classes have dedicated English lessons which build on the skills taught in Key Stage 1. Children read whole class texts, learning about different genres of writing and developing their understanding. Focussed work also includes Comprehension, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation lessons.

Guided reading sessions take place each week where pupils have the opportunity to discuss texts with an adult and all our children are encouraged to read a variety of texts to help them develop a life-long love of reading.