

Writing at Glebe Primary School

We develop the children's writing skills from the foundation stage through to Year 6 at Glebe Primary School. Each child is an individual and they will all develop at different rates.

The teaching of writing includes many aspects:

- Phonic sessions are taught daily in EYFS/KS1 and used early on in KS2, if necessary, to follow up from the children's work lower down the school;
- Letter formation is taught through handwriting sessions and children have the chance to earn the right to write in pen through handwriting licences;
- Children are shown how write using a variety of genres; for example: writing letters, imaginative stories, recounts, instructions, poetry, persuasive writing, reports, and arguments;
- SPaG sessions within English lessons are used to teach spelling, grammar and punctuation discretely to the children. Writing activities then follow up these skills to ensure children use spelling, punctuation and grammar properly in their writing;
- Children regularly take part in 'Extended Writing' sessions, where they are encouraged to write for sustained/extended periods of time ensuring that good examples of SPaG are used throughout their work.

We understand, as a school, the importance of parents, carers and other family members for a child's education. When parents are actively involved in their children's learning, it has a positive effect on attainment and achievement. One of the keys to becoming a better writer is to read, so encourage your child to read, read, read!

You can further support your child with their writing by providing opportunities for them to write any of the following at home; thank you letters, Christmas/birthday cards, shopping lists, supervised emails, writing a few sentences underneath a drawing and letter formation. The more practice a child gets, the quicker they will become a confident and fluent writer. We also understand the importance of speaking and listening to the writing process. Please download the following leaflet which details ways in which you could support your child with speaking and listening at home.

Within school, your child will have writing targets that they will be aware of. This will be shared with you at parents evenings along with suggestions of how you can help support your child achieve the next steps in their learning.

Please consult the following guide to understand ways that you can support your child with writing at home.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)

The grammar of our first language is learnt naturally and absorbed through speaking with others, listening and reading. Explicit knowledge of grammar (knowing how words and sentences work) is, however, very important, as it gives us more control and choice in our language and greatly improves the quality of our writing. At Glebe we believe that building this knowledge is best achieved through a focus on grammar within the teaching of reading, writing and speaking. Once children are familiar with a grammatical concept, for example 'verb', they are encouraged to apply and explore the effect of deliberately using these in their own speech and writing. Young children and EAL learners, in particular, use more complex language in speech than in writing. We use a range of creative teaching and learning methods for all children to build vocabulary, grammar knowledge, spelling and punctuation, which are crucial to enable children to develop high-quality writing skills.

Other downloads to help:

A very clear and simple explanation of each grammar and punctuation term (especially useful, if like many of us you weren't formally 'taught grammar' at school)

- See the glossary download at the bottom of the page.

General Grammar support for parents and children:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/index.htm>

These are good websites with huge ranges of resources and games to make SPaG and literacy learning fun.

General Websites:

- BBC Gut Instinct - Literacy Games

- [BBC Pinball - thoughts and ideas](#)
- [Comic Master - online comic maker](#)
- [Harry Potter website](#)
- [JK Rowling website](#)
- [KS2 Flash Dictionary](#)
- [Myth and Legends - read and listen to stories](#)
- [Ology world - pirates, dragons, wizards, and more](#)
- [Puffin Books](#)
- [Rainforest](#)
- [Roald Dahl website](#)
- [Scrabble - play online!](#)
- [Wordle - create images from text](#)