



Statement of Intent

At Burbage C of E Infants we want our children to become successful learners of English and develop their confidence in their skills. We provide a language-rich curriculum to develop deep understanding and cultural capital. We offer exciting, stimulating ways to engage the children in all aspects of English to enrich their lives, making learning real and to open their minds to wider worlds beyond their own.

We understand the importance of speaking and listening from when they first start school. These skills will ultimately enable them to develop positive relationships with their peers and be effective communicators. Our staff teach subject specific vocabulary which has been developed to enable children to express themselves concisely and creatively. Language is modelled by staff and time is taken to develop a deep understanding of it. For children who need additional support to develop their early language development, we provide dedicated programmes to support their learning.

Children are taught the joy of reading from when they start school as staff model reading stories, poetry and information texts to them. Teachers teach 'good reader' strategies to help children develop their comprehension of texts and become active readers. This is then built upon when they move to Burbage Junior School. We provide a wide range of reading materials to take home at their phonic level, as well as additional texts to challenge and share with adults at home. We have a lovely library for children to use and we hold events to promote the love of reading such as bedtime stories and World Book Day.

We use a multi-sensory phonic scheme called Anima Phonics. Here the progression of phonics teaching is carefully planned and monitored to meet all the children's needs whilst setting an appropriate level of challenge. Children are given resources to support their development of phonics skills such as blending and segmenting when at home as well.

Correct letter formation is taught using our phonic scheme, through rhymes and good modelling which then progress through school to develop a cursive style. This style then continues throughout Burbage Junior School. As children progress through the three years at Burbage Infant school, they build upon the previous skills they have been taught to extend their abilities and knowledge when writing in a range of genres. Children are encouraged to express themselves through writing for a variety of purposes, using real events as well as quality language-rich texts to stimulate them.

We continually strive to provide a relevant and ambitious English curriculum to meet the needs of all our learners. Children are rewarded for their efforts and demonstration of the character muscles to reflect a positive attitude towards learning. We continue to work closely with our partner junior school to continue progression of learning and get children prepared for the transition and the next stage in their learning.



Here are some websites for reading recommendations:



BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity, dedicated to getting children reading. Each year we reach 3.4 million children across the U K with books and support.

www.booktrust.org.uk.



BooksForTopics is a website featuring children's book lists sorted by age or topic.

The [BooksForTopics](http://www.booksfortopics.com) website was first launched as a means of helping primary school staff to find the best books to use in classrooms.

The booklists on the site now help millions of users each year to find recommended children's books, including [booklists for primary curriculum subjects](#) like [history](#) and [science](#), recommendations of the [best new children's books](#), specific booklists for reading for pleasure like [graphic novels](#) and [early chapter books](#) and recommendations of the [best books by age or year group](#).

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/>

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