

Churchfields the Village School

Writing

Intent

Writing is an essential part of the curriculum at Churchfields. By the time children leave, we intend our pupils to enjoy writing, have secure writing skills, and use this to express their thoughts and ideas clearly and creatively through the written word.

Implementation

Our teaching of writing is linked to our key stage topics. We provide high-quality, meaningful hooks for writing, such as a chosen books, film or images and ensure children are able to write in different contexts, for different purposes and audiences with a focus on imagination and creativity. Teaching of vocabulary forms part of daily English lessons to extend children's ability to communicate well and close any identified vocabulary gaps. Discrete grammar and punctuation lessons ensure children have the necessary skills to write effectively and apply these skills in more frequent creative writing opportunities. Children are taught how to plan, draft and edit their writing to suit the purpose and evaluate their writing choices, supporting them to continually improve. We set high expectations for all our pupils to take pride in their work and correct letter formation is taught from EYFS, leading to a fluent, cursive handwriting style in KS2. Spelling is taught daily in KS1 in daily phonics lessons and weekly in KS2, with word lists to practise at home. Good communication with parents is maintained with a home and school spelling book. Children who require additional support in spelling are provided with intervention tailored to address their gaps and accelerate progress.

Impact

All pupils will make good progress from their starting points as teaching and learning will follow a clearly set out progression of writing skills. By the end of Year 6, children will be able to write clearly and confidently, using accurate punctuation, spelling and grammar, and have a range of experiences to draw from to enable them to write creatively and imaginatively. Our pupils will have an extensive vocabulary and will be able to carefully select words for meaning, constructing meaningful sentences, paragraphs and whole texts in a range of styles and genres. Individuals will be well-equipped to communicate effectively through the written word as they continue their education and will be inspired to write for enjoyment.