

English

English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. A high-quality education in English will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them.

Writing

At Stamshaw Infant School, it is our intention to equip our pupils with the knowledge, skills and enjoyment of English to ensure we promote high standards of literacy and language. We endeavour to provide a strong understanding of the spoken and written word.

The pupils are taught and encouraged to write independently and creatively for a wide variety of purposes and for a range of audiences. Writing is meaningful for the pupils and they are immersed in a range of different contexts to give the writing purpose and significance.

The Learning Environment

High value is placed on quality writing and pupils are surrounded by a variety of genres and examples. Throughout the stages of the writing process, pupils are taught the key skills and knowledge to enable them to understand how to form the structure of their writing. Writing is modelled by the teacher and discussion enables a thorough understanding of the context, audience and purpose for the writing. The pupils are taught to adapt these skills to their own work, innovating the discussed ideas. This provides excellent opportunities for the pupils to develop their writing and to craft their work responding to feedback. The learning process allows opportunities for the pupils to respond and understand the next steps needed to improve their work.

Learning prompts provide pupils with the independence to source the relevant vocabulary, spelling words, sentence starters and key points so they can apply these when writing, displaying their understanding of the writing purpose. Pupils develop a great sense of pride in the finished outcome, drawing on their own creativity and the freedom to let their imaginations come alive.