

At Hermitage, we strive to ensure that all our pupils are readers. Therefore, our English teaching is all based around books. All reading and writing objectives are covered through reading and analysing real books. Pupils are encouraged to explore the setting, characters and themes of a book and generate their own writing based on this. We aim to develop the children's creativity and love of reading through engaging teaching sequences that involve drama, discussion, debate and use of media.



When teaching English at school, a three-week cycle is usually followed, supported by the children's' interests:

- i. Reading – how does the author convey his vision
Looking at writing style, use of language, genre features, use of structure
- ii. Grammar – learning how to emulate the author
Practising the grammar, sentence features required
- iii. Writing – creating a write based on the stimulus
A structured approach with modelling and support