

# English

At Millfields we aim to ensure all our pupils develop the key skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. We want to instil a love of reading and writing in our pupils, develop their communication skills, and enable them to develop a deep appreciation of literature. We want our pupils to leave us with a solid foundation in literacy skills that enable them to excel in their education and beyond.

We deliver an inspiring English curriculum that focuses on oracy, building language skills, knowledge and understanding. We use a combination of high-quality phonics teaching (Little Wandle phonics), comprehension strategies, grammar, and writing skills, and regularly expose pupils to high-quality texts through shared reading, independent reading and story times. We explicitly teach spelling, vocabulary and grammar in context, and introduce writing as a creative outlet for expression. We also use “hot seating” and class debates to strengthen pupils' speaking and listening skills. We ensure that our English lessons are engaging, well thought out and appropriate for the level and needs of each student.

As a result of our English teaching, our pupils develop a love of stories, ideas and characters, and become confident as readers and writers. They communicate effectively in a range of situations, using a spoken language that is clear, accurate and fluent. They write creatively, with flair, and use a range of punctuation, vocabulary and sentence structures. We regularly monitor and evaluate pupils' progress to ensure they are meeting their targets and identify areas for additional support. Our pupils leave us as competent communicators, with the literacy foundations that will be valuable throughout their education and beyond.