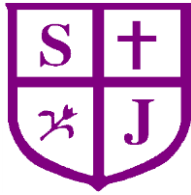


English at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



At St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, we believe that literacy and communication are key life skills. Through the English curriculum, we will help children develop the skills and knowledge that will enable them to communicate effectively and creatively through spoken and written language and equip them with the skills to become lifelong learners. We want children to enjoy and appreciate literature and its rich variety. Literacy is at the heart of all children's learning. Literacy enables children both to communicate with others effectively for a variety of purposes and to examine their own and others' experiences, feelings and ideas. Because literacy is central to children's intellectual, emotional and social development it has an essential role across the curriculum and helps pupils' learning to be coherent and progressive.

At St Joseph the Worker, we strongly believe that reading is a vital life skill and we strive for all children to enjoy and value it. It is our aim to develop and create passionate readers for life. Our vision is that our children will be able to read confidently with a love of reading. They will also recognise the importance of reading as a key skill for life-long learning.

To develop our children as writers we treat children as writers, from the earliest stage. Our aim is to provide experiences where the children can acquire confidence and a positive attitude towards writing. We aim for the children to develop and sustain writing skills by providing opportunities for children to write for a range of purposes and audiences. We want our children to develop their ability to organise and present imaginative and/or factual writing and poetry in different ways. At St Joseph the Worker we use quality based texts over a half term and give the children lots of opportunities to produce many different pieces of writing within one unit. We also use the core text to map out ideas into our topic work across the curriculum so the children can apply their English skills in all areas.

English is at the heart of all the children's learning. Our vision is that they will be passionate and enthusiastic learners with a love of reading and writing that will give them the fundamental skills for future learning.