Curriculum Intent and Implementation: ENGLISH

St Peter's Curriculum Intent – all subjects:

At St Peter's, every child will live, love and learn in an environment founded upon moral and Christian values; they will leave the school with the knowledge and skills to be lifelong learners and rounded citizens, and with the ability to make a positive contribution to their future society.

All that we do is founded upon a clear set of shared values, from which our motto is derived: Together We Believe, Aspire And Achieve.

St Peter's Curriculum Intent – English:

At St Peter's we aim to inspire our children to develop a 'love' of reading. Reading is at the forefront of our curriculum, every child at St Peter's will leave a fluent, confident reader. We want our children to read for pleasure, having had access to a wide range of text types, genres and authors in order for them to make informed opinions about their favourites.

We want our children to write with confidence, accuracy and creatively for a variety of purposes and audiences whilst developing their own individual flair. We want them to be able to write with grammatical accuracy and be able to apply spelling patterns correctly using a neat handwriting style. We aim to expose our children to a wide range of vocabulary across all subjects so that they are able to decipher new words and then use them when in conversation with both their peers and adults. We also aim for our children to apply all of these English skills to all areas of the curriculum and build on crucial prior knowledge as they move through the school.

Threads of the subject:

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

What a child experiences in this subject going through St Peter's:

All pupils at St Peter's will fulfil their potential regardless of their ability, background, gender or ethnicity and will have a confidence in English that they will need to thrive in high school and the wider world. Through reading, pupils will have developed culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Our pupils will have developed a love of reading and will read easily, fluently and with good understanding, having developed the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information, across a wide variety of text types and genres. Pupils will write confidently for purpose and audience, using the correct level of formality. They will have a very good understanding of the conventions of grammar and use the best vocabulary available to them.