

English Leader

Mrs Savage is the English coordinator at Holly. She is responsible for developing the English curriculum and delivering training on planning and teaching across the school.



Curriculum Intent

- To ensure every child has the ability to communicate through the written word, understanding the need for legible handwriting and presentation.
- To equip children with a knowledge of different text types and genres, which they can apply to their writing, not only in English but across the curriculum.
- To teach age appropriate spellings and grammar rules that are applied to their writing and that build on prior learning.

Going for Gold

In order to accurately assess independence in writing and the ability to apply skills taught we use Going for Gold books throughout school, which are valued by both staff and children alike.

'You can make anything by writing.'

C.S.Lewis

Our aim at Holly Primary is to develop oracy and reading skills which filter through into every aspect of the children's written work. We want them to be exposed to and understand the differences between written and spoken language and to write as writers, with an eye to audience and purpose. Through the powerful and well-prepared teaching of phonics, grammar and spelling the children will become confident and competent writers. They will develop an understanding of different text types and genres which enrich and support their written work across the curriculum.

Writing Skills

Throughout school, children are focused on learning the following skills:

- Grammar
- Spelling
- Handwriting
- Communication

Curriculum Design

We teach children a skills-based curriculum that is ambitious and designed to build in knowledge content as children progress through school. We place great emphasis on the teaching of writing through phonics, handwriting, grammar and genre. The children understand the cross curricular application of the range of writing styles that are modelled.

Wider School Curriculum

We believe that it is important for children to understand the role that writing plays in every aspect of their life, both in and out of school. The skills taught are applied to all areas of the curriculum and the children enjoy using the written word to communicate from the earliest age through to year 6.