English at Caythorpe



2023-24

To be reviewed: September 2024

Intent

Reading

At Caythorpe Primary School, we value reading as a key life skill and aim to encourage children to become lifelong readers. Through a systematic, synthetic phonics scheme, we give children the skills of decoding and blending in order to become fluent readers. Regular reading practice sessions will provide children with the skills, knowledge and confidence to comprehend texts. Children and parents will be encouraged to broaden their range of text types and read books for pleasure as well as for academic progress.



Writing

At Caythorpe Primary School, we teach writing by using a range of stimuli to engage children in a range of writing genres. We aim to help them identify features and apply these to their own work whilst considering the purpose and target audience. We place an important emphasis on proof reading, editing and improving writing to promote children's sense of ownership and achievement within their creations.



Successes from 2022 – 23

- 100% pass rate in Phonics Screening Check!
- Bronze Lincolnshire Reading Pledge Award earned.
- Huge improvements in Phonics teaching.
- Majority of pupils engaged in reading hexagons as a reward for reading.
- Reading areas in classrooms set up and being used by pupils.

Implementation

DISPLAYS	Phonics	Reading	SPAG	Writing
Classrooms	KS1	Whole School	Whole School	KS1
	Grow the Code chart in	Reading dogs on display with	WAGOLL sentence in each	Working wall to include:
	classrooms and areas where	explanation next to them.	classroom; progressing in difficulty	Writing Genre
	phonics take place e.g. corridors,		and including more features from	Features of text
	other classrooms etc.	Current class book picture on door	year group to year group — this	Examples
		– with other books written by that	can change throughout the year	
	KS2	author to encourage children to	to match writing genre being	LKS2
	Small grow the code charts	read more books by the same	covered.	Working wall to include:
	available for children who need	author.		Writing Genre
	this on tables.		Include relevant SPAG examples	Features of text
		KS1	and features as part of English	Purpose of Writing
		Reading bookmarks used to log	working wall for writing genre	Examples
		children's reading at home and	covered that week.	
		within school.		UKS2
			Common Exception Words on	Working wall to include:
		KS2	display in classrooms or readily	Writing Genre
		Reading passport to promote	available for children to access.	Features of text
		children's range of texts being		Purpose of Writing
		accessed.		Target Audience/Level of formality
Communal		Library		
Areas		Teacher recommended reads		
		display.		
		100 books to read whilst at		
		Caythorpe.		
		'Look at how much we've read'		
		Corridor		
		Books for reading hexagon		
		winners each term.		

Implementation

	Phonics	Reading	SPAG	Writing	Handwriting
Lesson	EYFS and KS1	Whole School	Whole School (Year 1	Whole School	EYFS and KS1
Structure	25minutes daily.	DEAR every Friday after	above)	Units of work to stem from	Included within Phonics
		lunch — all children and	Following Classroom	different stimuli e.g. Book,	lessons.
	LKS2	staff to read for 10minutes.	Secrets scheme of work.	video clip, audio clip,	
	LAPS joining KS1 group as	Reading buddies used	One English lesson per	memorable experience.	Years 1 – 6
	needed*.	between EYFS and Y6.	week dedicated to a		Complete handwriting
			discreet SPAG lesson.	Long term plans for each	practise from Penpals
	UKS2	EYFS and KS1	Relevant SPAG criteria to	cycle to be used and any	scheme at least three times
	LAPS joining KS1 group as	3x20minutes reading	form part of English	updates to be discussed	a week.
	needed*.	practice session each week.	learning sequence for	with MR.	
		Adults to use reading dogs	writing genre.		
	Keep up Session	when asking questions so		Publishing of writing to	
	MR to identify pupils who	children become aware of	EYFS and KS1	only be used for when	
	require catch keep up	them.	Spellings completed as part	work is being produced for	
	sessions each afternoon.		of Little Wandle scheme.	a display. Aim to use	
		LKS2		English lessons for teaching	
	Adults leading phonics	5x30minute sessions each	Year 2 children who	English skills.	
	sessions to identify children	week. Children to access	complete Little Wandle		
	who need catch up sessions	majority of dogs each week	phonics scheme to follow		
	on the same day.	with an emphasis on	Little Wandle Spellings.		
		teaching what the skill is.			
			KS2		
		UKS2*	Twinkl spelling scheme.		
	*KS2 Phonics group could	5x30minute sessions each			
	be created in the future if	week. Children to access			
	there is a need.	most/all dogs across the			
		week.			
		*Year 6 to complete			
		necessary SATs preparation			
		in the lead up to tests.			

Implementation

	Phonics	Reading
Parental	KS1	Whole School
Involvemen t	Parents to regularly be invited in to school to watch and participate in a phonics lesson.	Parents to regularly be invited in to school to watch a book being delivered to a group/class by an adult.
	In term 1, MR to lead parent assembly to discuss phonics and reading approach in school.	Parents to then read a book with their child/group of children.
		Parents to then take a book home from school to read at home (from the new library).

Reading - Promoting a Love of Reading

- All children to take home a 'Reading for Pleasure' Book home.
- All children to receive a '100 books to read at Caythorpe' booklet from Year 1 and to be completed during their time at Caythorpe.
- KS1 children to use bookmarks to log when children have read in school or at home.
- KS2 children to use reading diaries to log reading entries.
- KS2 children to use a reading passport to encourage them to read a range of genres.
- Staff to read books from classroom shelves and the library to encourage children to read them too.
- Children to have a recommended read shelf for their classmates to select books from.

Writing – Teaching methods

- Books, images and video clips can be used as a stimulus for lessons/units of work.
- Talk for Writing.
- When drafting a piece of work, children to use 'miss a line' technique so that there is a whole line available for them to edit in.
- Free write Friday used as a way of improving writing stamina. Children to choose to write about anything they want in any genre of writing.
- Modelled writing to be used as well as scaffolded writing.

Impact

	Phonics	Reading	SPAG	Writing
Assessmen	Whole School	EYFS	Whole School (Year 1 and	EYFS
t	Complete a 60-second read	Teacher assessments against ELGs	above)	Teacher assessments against ELGs.
	fluency check at each assessment	Year 1	Consolidation/Assessment points	
	checkpoint. Children to complete a	Teacher assessments at the end of	at the end of each full-term	Year 1
	60-second read until they reach a	each full term.	following Classroom Secrets	To complete an unaided piece of
	95% accuracy score* on a phase	Year 2	scheme.	writing each half term beginning
	test:	Accelerated Reader Quizzes.		at the end of Autumn Term 2.
	Phases 2 – 5	Star Reader assessments	Years 2 - 6	
	End of Key Stage One	completed at the end of full terms.	Spellings to be tested in a quiz	Years 2 – 6
	Lower Key Stage Two	Previous SATs papers used to	format as oppose to a formal	To complete at least one unaided
	End of Key Stage Two	inform Teacher assessments at the	recorded test. Encourage the	piece of writing each half term on
		end of each full term.	learning of a spelling pattern.	a genre taught during a previous
	EYFS/KS1	End of Key Stage SATs could be		term in English.
	Little Wandle Termly Assessments	used.	Year 2	
	Phonics Screening Check	Years 3 – 5	Option to use previous optional	Cross curricular unaided writing to
	Pinks and Greys Table to be used	Accelerated Reader Quizzes.	SATs paper.	be used for a gather a range of
	to track progress of pupils over	Star Reader assessments		evidence and assessed using
	the terms.	completed at the end of each full	Year 6	teacher assessment.
		term.	Complete previous SPAG SATs	
	KS2	Summative test to be completed	papers for Autumn and Spring	Whole School
	Little Wandle Termly for LAPS	during Summer Term 2.	data points.	Children to complete their unaided
	children.	Year 6	End of Key Stage SATs in Summer	write in English books and
		Accelerated Reader Quizzes.	Term 1.	assessed by teachers in this book.
		Star Reader assessments		Children can then publish this
	*Year 3 to score 75% if	completed at the end of each full		piece of work for their WOW
	completing a LKS2 text and Year	term.		writing book.
	5 to score 75% if completing end	Previous SATs papers used to		
	of KS2 text.	track progress and prepare for		
		SATs.		
		End of Key Stage SATs.		

Impact

	Phonics	Reading	Writing
Monitoring	MR and HH to regularly monitor using	MR to monitor reading practice sessions	All staff to take part in internal moderations
	coaching proforma from Little Wandle.	termly:	during staff/key stage meetings to ensure
		- Lesson drop-ins.	writing is being assessed consistently.
	Staff meeting/TA meeting to be used at the end	- Pupil interviews.	
	of term to relay assessment results to all adults	- Data analysis.	
	and highlight children in need of catch up or to		
	monitor for lack of progress.		
	Phonics assessments to be used as part of pupil		
	progress meetings when relevant.		
CPD	KS2 member of staff to cover the group for MR	MR to participate in 'Teachers as Readers'	External moderations from external consultant.
	so as to embed training received from Little	course to help promote Reading for Pleasure in	
	Wandle.	school.	
	CIT Reading and Phonics Network Meetings.		