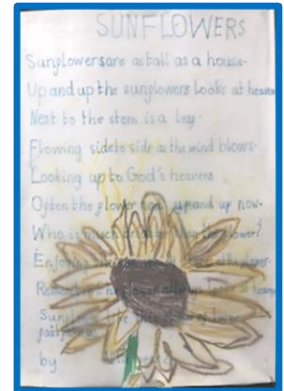
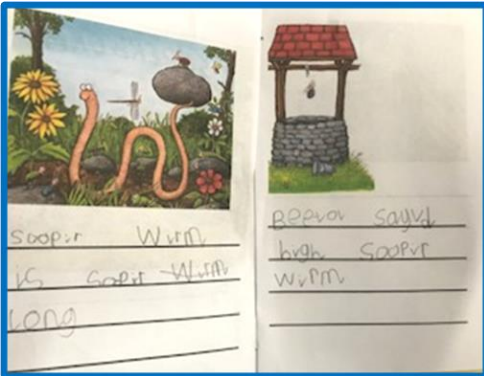
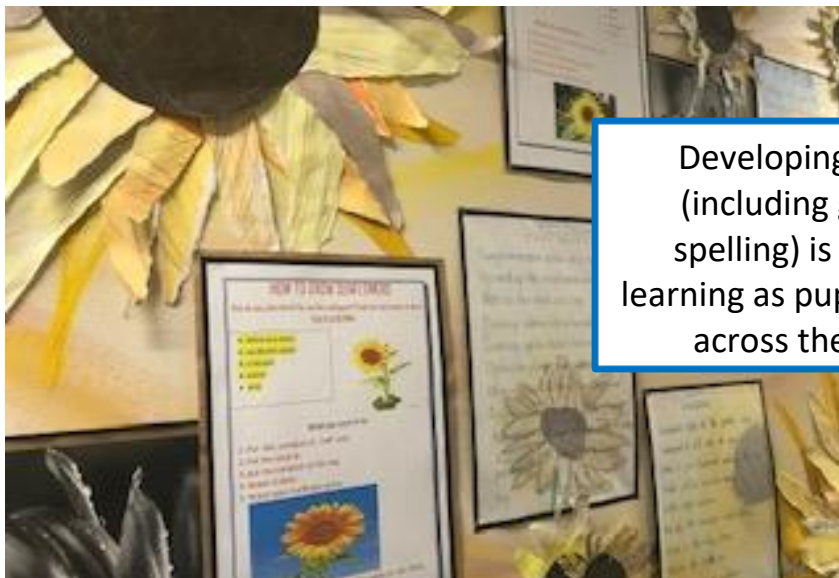


“You can make anything by writing” C.S. Lewis



Writing is one of our main forms of communication and it is a natural extension from speech. Through the development of our speaking and listening opportunities and our reading provision pupils are enabled to show case the language they have learnt. Through the development of our reading provision; the pupils' exposure to a wide range of literature and discussion around literature, the writing content will become a natural progression.

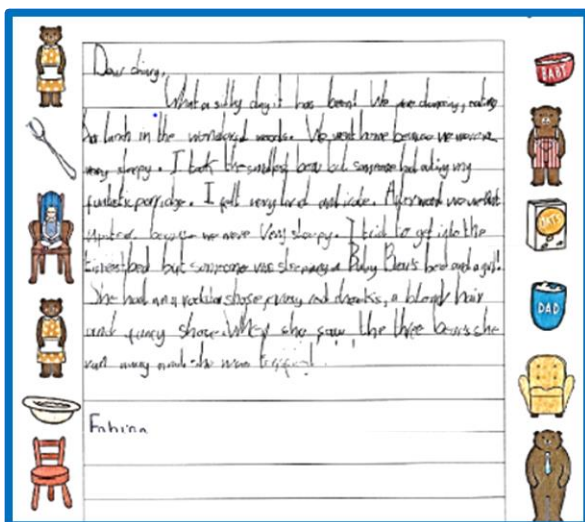


Developing writing skills (including grammar and spelling) is integral to all learning as pupils learn to apply across the curriculum.

- Writing is important because it is:*
- a life skill
 - a way of sharing our thoughts and ideas
 - an aid to organising our thoughts
 - a vehicle to develop our critical thinking
 - creative and not restricted by reality.

2021-2022 Data	End of key stage 1	End of key stage 2
Expected standard +	53%	63%
Greater depth standard	3%	13%

When asked what had helped them to become better writers, pupils said that spending more time on planning helped them to structure their writing for more effect and that writing frequently in small chunks of time enabled them to produce quality writing. The Star writer Award, showcased children's writing in newsletters. Pupils like receiving the award and parents said that they got a nice surprise seeing their children's work in the newsletter.



My chained-up soul

A poem focused on the perspective of an enslaved person by Faye Williams

Being kidnapped away,
 Far, far, far from here,
 Do I even get a say...?
 I'm terrified, me and my chained-up
 soul...

How will I escape?
 No food, no money...
 They chain me up until morning.
 All my brain can wrap around is:
My chained-up soul.

I'm being used.
 Used for money.
 My chained-up soul had a dream
 last night...

*Running free in the field...
 My Heart beating free...
 My soul wasn't chained up.*

Escaping is futile.
 'to whomever escapes,' they said,
 'will be executed.'

I will escape.
 I WILL be free.
 I overthrew the guards.
 I knocked them out.
 I ran and ran...
But there still was no escape.

Execution will be my fate.
 Goodbye, my chained-up soul.



Tips To Get Your Child Excited About Writing

1. Write lists: Ask them to help you write the shopping list and take it to the shops with you.
2. Posters: Combine art and writing skills and create wanted posters describing different people or characters. Their imagination can run wild creating a commentary about why family members are wanted.
3. Invitations: Get them to write invitations for playdates and parties.
4. Use picture Prompts: For younger children use pictures to prompt a story. They can imagine places, settings, characters, and incidents and write a short story. Get them to tell you the story before writing it. If they get tired when writing you can continue to write it in their words and then you can both read it back.
5. Use random word prompts: Pick four random words. For example, book, London, dog, ship and ask your child to write a story that features all four elements.
6. Write a new ending: Older children will love doing this! Share a well-known story and ask them to write a new ending. Let their imagination run wild and you will end up seeing classic tales with a twist at the end!
7. Twist the tale around: Imagine if Goldilocks had actually walked in when the bears were still at breakfast. Or if Red Riding Hood had taken a wrong turn in the forest while walking to her grandmother's cottage. What would have happened? This is a great way to get the creative juices flowing and to see where your child's imagination takes them.
8. Comic book capers: Children love comic books. Give your child a story that has some of their favourite comic book characters and ask them to write dialogue for the characters. This is a great way to teach children how to write dialogues.