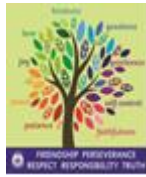


Writing at Offenham CE First School



At Offenham CE First School we believe that learning to write is one of the most important things that a child will learn to do. Children use their writing in almost all other subjects of the curriculum. Good writing also gives children a voice to share their ideas with the world. We believe that with appropriate subject knowledge, skills and understanding in speech and language, reading and writing, as set out in the National Curriculum, children can reach and exceed their potential at our School.

Our intention

At Offenham C of E First School we encourage our pupils to become lifelong learners. We want to give children an education of the highest standard, we aim for excellence and encourage all pupils, whatever their ability to achieve the best they possibly can. We believe that providing pupils with a well-balanced, enriching and engaging writing curriculum will aid them in developing into self-assured communicators. Our writing curriculum will ensure that all pupils become confident speakers, listeners, and writers.

The Write Stuff

We use the structure of the Write Stuff (to include Fantastic Foundations) principles to plan and teach our writing curriculum throughout the school. Children are taught through engaging and well-paced lessons which ensure the acquisition of age-appropriate knowledge and skills. Write Stuff is being used at Offenham to ensure that we continue to improve standards in our school, both in terms of teaching and learning.

Phonics to support reading

Children in KS1 and Reception are taught phonics explicitly in daily lessons based on Letters and Sounds; a phonics scheme published by the Department for Education and Skills, we use Phonics Play to support our teaching of phonics. This aims to build children's speaking and listening skills in their own right as well as to prepare children for learning to write by developing their phonic knowledge and skills.

For more information about writing please see the English Policy.