



Subject Vision

Subject: English

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Vision:

At St Mary's we aim for improved literacy skills, with children developing stronger vocabulary, comprehension, and writing abilities. We believe that language is a powerful tool that enables children to express themselves, connect with others and participate fully in society. By teaching children to write and speak with confidence, they learn to share their ideas and emotions effectively. Similarly, through reading and listening, they engage with the ideas and feelings of others, fostering mutual understanding and respect.

We recognise that reading is essential to this as well as being important for cognitive growth and academic achievement across all subjects. It allows children to explore new perspectives, acquire knowledge and build upon what they already know. As such, we love to see the children reading for pleasure and encourage this through enthusiastic discussions around books. We are developing our reading for pleasure program and have faith that reading will become the focal point of school life at St Mary's.

We also hope to help children develop a rich vocabulary, understand grammar and master the conventions of spoken and written language, enabling them to communicate clearly and effectively. We are in the process of diversifying our literacy content to encourage an appreciation of our diverse and vibrant literary heritage, helping children to see the love and creativity reflected in great works of literature across all cultures. The children's writing will reflect this, illustrating a strong command of written language enabling them to express themselves with competence.

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