



Writing at St Andrew's



Hello everyone, apologies for having to postpone our Writing Open Morning. I would like to give you a little more information about how we teach writing in our school and share ideas of things you can do to help at home. I hope you find this letter useful and if you have any questions about writing, you can always contact me by email or through the school office. Many thanks, Mrs Jones.

Every child is a writer

At St Andrew's we believe that all children are writers. The children have lots of opportunities to write in their English lessons but also across the whole curriculum. In our English lessons, we use a method known as 'Talk For Writing'. The children will focus on a genre of writing for 3-4 weeks and will learn a model text off by heart. This helps with developing speaking and listening skills, vocabulary and the children learn the different structures needed to compose each genre. Once the children have learnt the structures, along with the skills they need, they then have the opportunity to write their own versions. We like to give the children purpose for writing and will often use 'hooks' to engage the children.



Handwriting

Starting in reception, we support the children with their posture, pencil grip and letter formation. We use the 'Little Wandle' letter formation phrases to help the children remember how to form the letters correctly. These can be found in the 'phonics' section of our website.

Spelling

At St Andrew's we follow the National Curriculum. Each year group has their own set of spellings the children must learn, as well as, spelling rules. We also encourage the children to use their phonics knowledge to help with spelling and this is used throughout the school. Word lists can be found on our website.

Tips for writing at home



- Encourage any form of writing
- Ask the children to perform their model text
- Reading daily will support writing
- Encourage writing diaries, postcards, journals, letters, information or stories