



English at Skegness Infant Academy

Our aim at Skegness Infant Academy is to ensure that our children are given every opportunity to increase their abilities in reading and writing. We intend to lay those solid foundations needed for our children to be keen, proficient readers and writers. Underpinning these skills is speaking and listening. The importance in this area cannot be underestimated; therefore our children are given many opportunities to engage in activities which develop the ability to listen carefully to each other and to speak in full, clear and grammatically correct sentences.

Reading is seen as an essential skill for life and is therefore given high priority. Opportunities to read are apparent every day in many forms across the curriculum. Reading and writing is supported through Phonics- The ability to hear and blend sounds in words which facilitates competent reading and spelling.

English in Key Stage One

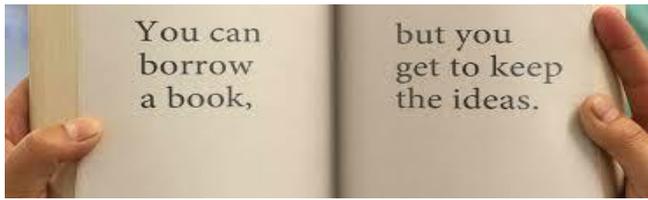
English is taught through a daily English lesson. A range of text types are planned for in order to give children a broad experience in all areas. Children are regularly encouraged to take part in independent writing tasks. This gives opportunity to write at length and show case attainment. Regular assessment allows teacher's to plan lessons which extend, consolidate and enhance literacy skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing.

English in the Early Years

From the first days when children enter our nursery and move through Reception an extensive array of activities are planned for which support the skill of reading and writing. All are underpinned by speaking and listening and delivered through play based activities.

A photograph of a wall with handwritten text in blue marker. The text reads: "When we read and write, we become superheroes, sports stars, mermaids, angels, grown-ups, and crazy creatures." The handwriting is simple and childlike.

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How can I help my child? Have a positive attitude to reading and writing, and do not underestimate the power of conversation!

The opportunity to read is everywhere...

Read labels in the shops, on signs, anywhere and everywhere!

Identify letters in the environment. Can your child think of a word beginning with...?

Share a book together regularly – talk about the story, the characters, what might happen next.

Writing takes many forms...

Encourage your child to write shopping lists, write birthday cards, write letters etc. By providing your child with pens, pencils and paper allows them to write independently. In the early stages this could be as simple as painting and making marks.



Be a good role model.

Children can be supported in their literacy skills if they see adults around them reading and writing and have lots of opportunities to engage in regular conversation.

At Skegness Infant Academy we encourage parents and carers to join us for reading activities and phonics sessions and activities.



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We love to Read

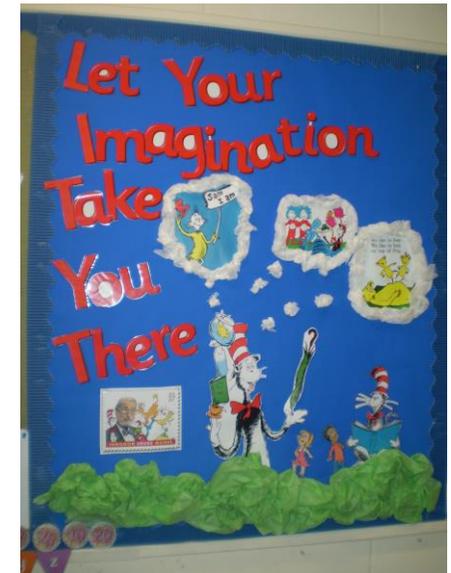
We know how important reading is and at Skegness Infant academy we read every day either 1-1 or in guided reading sessions. We also provide a range of opportunities for our children to read in other situations, from reading in lessons, 1-1 reading with adults, sharing books with pupils from other academies, each other and even the local fire fighters!



Cross Curricular Reading
Reading skills can be extended through all subjects. Teachers in our academy skilfully support the acquisition of reading for all children through all activities.

Author of the Month - We want our children to appreciate the love of reading and to learn about different authors. Each month, key stage one, focus on a different author. They explore elements of their life and look at similarities and differences in the styles of writing, both in their books and the writing of other authors.

Legendary Readers - Each term one child in each class is chosen as the Legendary Reader. These children are those that have made extra effort or made significant progress in their reading. They are celebrated and rewarded in a special assembly at the end of the term and receive a certificate and prize.



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High Achieving Pupils At Skegness Infant Academy we believe it is important for all children to be challenged to meet their full potential. We provide small focused group work opportunities for children to extend their understanding and learning.

English Outdoors- Throughout the school there is a focus on incorporating the outdoor spaces in lessons and this is reflected in English lessons. We utilise outdoor activities to support, encourage and enhance the experiences in literacy for our children.



After School Clubs

At Skegness Infant Academy we offer a range of after school clubs throughout the year.

In order to support English we host a spelling club for KS1 as well as aphonics clubs throughout the year.



Drama - Our children are given a range of opportunities to take part in drama activities. These include in class role play activities for all ages through to performing both in our academy to an audience and also at the local theatre in large scale productions. The children thoroughly enjoy taking part in our 'talk for writing' lessons.