# What is Literacy

Literacy is a core subject in school. We cover Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing.

### Foundation Stage:

The teaching of Literacy is divided into five areas. Three prime areas which are Listening and Attention, Understanding and Speaking and two specific areas which are Reading and Writing.

We follow a phonics programme called Read, Write Inc for three days each week and we have a Literacy morning. Lots of our Literacy is done through play. We give children enjoyable and interesting activities to consolidate learning.

#### Key Stage 1:

Literacy is taught daily. We follow a phonics programme called Read, Write Inc. We also have a Literacy session in class every day where we cover Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing.

# The Aims of Literacy



The aim of the Literacy curriculum is that by the end of Year 2 children will be able:

- To speak competently to an audience
- To participate in a conversation.
- To listen to others and follow instructions.
- To create ideas through drama.
- To read fluently and independently for pleasure and learning.
- To deduce, infer and interpret information in books.
- To organise ideas before writing.
- To develop a clear and fluent, joined handwriting style.
- To write grammatically accurate and correctly punctuated sentences.
- To spell words accurately.
- To write independently for pleasure.

# **Areas of Literacy**

### Spoken Language

Listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers

Ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and build vocabulary and knowledge

Give well-structured descriptions and explanations

Gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)

### Reading

Word reading (Phonics and key words) Comprehension (Reading for pleasure, understanding)

## Writing

Transcription (Spelling and handwriting) Composition (vocabulary, grammar and punctuation)

## How can you help?

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Here are some ways in which you can support your child learning to speak, listen, read and write whilst having fun:

- Set a few minutes aside each day to talk about events of the day.
- Play games with Key Words.
  (Bingo, snap)
- Make up short stories together.
- Share a book every day.
- Notice letters in the environment. (Road signs, shop signs)
- Encourage writing for different purposes. (Birthday cards, shopping lists)



Feel free to contact the following person for any additional information:

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> This leaflet aims to give you a brief overview of Literacy at Summerhill Infant School