

ST PATRICK'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



Literacy

Literacy Teaching

We want our children to love Literacy lessons and to be able to transfer their skills across the curriculum. We encourage this enthusiasm through teaching lessons based on good quality books and plan using The Power of Reading, which has been developed by the Centre of Literacy in Primary Education.

Through our comprehensive approach to teaching literacy, we ensure that we meet the expectations of the New National Curriculum for literacy.

Phonics and Spelling

At St Patrick's CE Primary School children we use Read Write Inc. resources, which provide a structured and systematic approach to teaching literacy. Each Read Write Inc. programme meets the higher expectations of the National Curriculum and uses effective assessment to accelerate every child's progress and prepare them for the National Curriculum Tests.

Children start on the early programmes as soon as they start in Reception.

Our children do very well in the Phonics screening test which takes place at the end of Y1.

Phonics teaching continues at the beginning of Year 2 to encourage further skills in reading and writing, but later moves onto the Read, Write Inc. spelling scheme to enable children to meet the demands of the new National Curriculum. Children in KS2 follow the different programmes for each year group with spelling sessions first thing in the morning.

Reading

We believe in teaching children to love books and so we ensure that we provide good quality literature for children to read.

As soon as children start in Reception, they are given reading books to help them to build up their sight vocabulary. We encourage parents to talk to their children about their books and to hear them read as often as possible. Reading stories to children encourages them to gain an enthusiasm for literature as well as giving them a rich language which they will be able to use later on as writers.

As children become more fluent readers, they move onto reading books from our library. We continually add to our collection and ensure that it is stocked with good quality books. Children are able to use the computers to access the Accelerated Reader which enables them to take an online quiz and get immediate feedback. The children love using this programme and are motivated to make progress with their reading skills. Teachers monitor the results to help them to make sure that individual children are making good progress in their reading.