



## Critical thinkers and confident communicators in a diverse world

### Intent and Vision

At St Paulinus, English lies at the heart of all learning and across the curriculum. We want to inspire our children to be confident in the art of speaking and listening, using discussion in order to learn and being able to elaborate and explain their understanding and ideas clearly and participating in debates.

We aim to foster a love of language and reading and we will help children develop the skills and knowledge that will enable them to communicate effectively, preparing them for the diverse society we live in. We strive to create a passion for reading that will empower children to become life-long readers. We want our children to read easily, fluently and with good understanding and to develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information.

We recognise the importance of nurturing a culture where children take pride in their writing, can write clearly, coherently and creatively and adapt their language and style for a range of contexts and purposes and audiences. We want to ensure that all pupils acquire a rich vocabulary, an understanding of grammar structures and a knowledge of linguistic conventions needed for achieving high quality in writing.

*"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark" , Victor Hugo*

*Writing gives children a voice to share their ideas with the world.*



### Implementation

**What would you expect to see in our lessons and learning?**

- Engaging in quality discussion/debates; children elaborate and explain understanding and ideas clearly and confidently
- Nurturing a Love of language and reading; leading to fluency and effective communication through Ninja Vocabulary and Air Reading
- Taking pride in writing; a chance to 'share ideas with the world' and learning to draw inspiration from writers