

## Spiritual

English supports spiritual development by engaging children with poetry, fiction and drama. They can explore feelings and values found in a wide range of genres. Through English we encourage children to relish and enjoy challenges, show resilience and persistence. During English lessons they can develop the growth of their sense of self, their unique potential, their understanding of their strengths and weaknesses and their will to achieve. The texts we use will help them answer some of life's fundamental questions. In responding to a poem, story or text; pupils can be asked 'I wonder what you wonder?' 'How would you feel if you were the person in the story?' 'Where have you met these ideas before?' E.g. when responding to text through drama

## Moral

English supports moral development by encouraging children to look, discuss and evaluate a range of social and moral issues found in genres. The texts that we will be covering will help children to develop an understanding of the difference between right and wrong and of moral conflict, a concern for others and the will to do what is right. They can reflect on the consequences of their actions and learn how to forgive themselves and others. We use activities like 'conscience alley' to get children to understand the dilemmas that characters can face. They will develop the ability to develop an acceptance of other people, understanding the importance of identifying and combatting discrimination.

# English

## Social

English supports social development by helping children to understand how written and spoken language has changed over time and also social attitudes to language. Children will acquire an understanding of the responsibilities and rights of being members of families and communities and an ability to relate to others and to work with others for the common good. They will display a sense of belonging and an increasing willingness to participate. They will develop the skills to resolve conflicts effectively. They will develop the knowledge, skills, understanding, qualities and attitudes they need to become active citizens within their community.

## Cultural

English supports the cultural development of a child by exposing them to a wide range of written and spoken language from a range of cultures. They will understand and appreciate a wide range of cultural influences that have shaped their own heritage and look at a range of other cultures. We will use texts that explore and represent different cultures such as *Handa's Surprise*, *Counting on Katherine*, *Look Up*, *Henry's Freedom Box* and *Of Thee I Sing*. We will also provide opportunities for pupils to engage with texts that represent our strong literary heritage. We provide opportunities for the children to visit the theatre and experience theatrical productions.