



English Curriculum 2018-2019

At The Acorns School, an enthusiastic team of experienced teachers, who work together to deliver stimulating and interesting lessons, teaches the English curriculum. The aim of the English curriculum is to ensure that pupils are confidently equipped to communicate in the world as **readers, writers, speakers and listeners**.

Pupils at Key Stage 3 follow a comprehensive course designed to develop Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening skills. There is a strong focus on Literacy throughout the school.

In **Years 7, 8 and 9** pupils are taught a range of text types and skills through the following topics:

- Dogs
- Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol
- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- Poetry and Media
- Child labour
- Shakespeare

In **Year 10** pupils follow the AQA Step Up to English course. They will draw upon a range of texts as reading stimuli and engage with creative, as well as relevant, contexts. Pupils will also have the opportunity to develop reading and critical thinking skills that encourage enquiry into different topics and themes, The course offers excellent preparation for GCSE English Language by enhancing pupils' core Reading and Writing skills to support the progression to GCSE.

In **Year 11** pupils follow the EDUQAS English Language course. This allows them to further develop and refine their Reading and Writing skills and leads to a GCSE qualification. The course is fully linear and two exams at the end of Year 11 will determine their final grade. There is also an unweighted Speaking and Listening component.

More personalized Key Stage 4 curriculum opportunities are available where required – which may include an additional GCSE in English Literature, a more Functional English qualification or an alternative exam board to work in partnership with a feeder school.

More information about the specifications offered at Key Stage 4 can be found using the following links:

<http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language/gcse/wjec-eduqas-gcse-english-lang-spec.pdf>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/elc/step-up-to-english-5970/introduction>

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/introduction>