

Writing at Westfield Primary Academy

Our Writing curriculum is taught using CUSP (Curriculum by Unity Schools Partnership) resources. More information about this curriculum can be accessed at: <https://www.unitysp.co.uk/cusp/> We believe that all pupils should be taught the key skills and techniques to be able to communicate effectively in their writing. Our ambitious writing curriculum ensures pupils build upon prior knowledge to master writing and develop their ideas.

An ambitious Writing Curriculum that enables pupils to:

- develop and express a rich and deep understanding of the wider world;
- explore and respond to moral, ethical and social questions;
- make important links between subjects, to deepen and explore their understanding of other curriculum areas;
- be prepared for success at secondary level and beyond;

A cohesive and well-sequenced curriculum that ensures:

- breadth and depth achieved through well-sequenced, cumulative units which incorporate revisiting of learning;
- pupils understand the purpose for writing and develop conceptual fluency: an ability to write to a high standard across the curriculum;
- pupils are explicitly taught the conventions and grammatical structures of writing and develop confidence in using these independently in extended pieces;
- teaching is firmly based upon current research relating to cognitive science:
 - direct explicit teaching of skills and isolated writing encounters to 'hone' particular skills;
 - extended writing sequences to embed and practice;
 - prior learning revisited;
 - direct and explicit teaching of Tier 2 and Tier 3 vocabulary;
 - High quality and ambitious texts to model and exemplify conventions and grammatical structures.