



English

National Level

At a national level, we follow the statutory guidance for English from the National Curriculum 2014. This includes statutory spelling lists and assessment criteria for the end of Y2 and Y6.

Local Level

At local level, Sibsey Free Primary School is part of the Connect Teaching School Alliance which gives us access to a supportive cluster group. We moderate within a co-founded ELSIP (East Lindsey School Improvement Partnership) group, enabling us to share SLE experience within Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 whilst also sharing the cost of Catherine Caldwell as an experienced external moderator for Year 2 and Year 6. Involvement in Peer Review and Peer Improvement Pathway allow us further collaboration and rigour with local schools and leaders.

Sibsey Free Primary School

At Sibsey Free Primary School, we aim to offer a broad, balanced and exciting English curriculum. This year, this will be enhanced by our outdoor learning provision. Daily phonics sessions throughout EYFS and Key Stage 1 following the Read Write Inc. programme support high standards of Y1 phonics screening. Once children have completed this scheme, they begin English lessons. Home/school reading books are closely linked to the ability of children and Accelerated Reader challenges children to succeed and strive to improve. Guided reading sessions follow a progression of skills and help children to develop decoding and comprehension skills. Writing is taught using carefully designed text-led learning journeys with clear starting points and end outcomes.

Governor Involvement

The subject link Governor for science is Mrs Chris Holmes. As an ex-primary Headteacher, Mrs Holmes is hugely beneficial in supporting the delivery of English in our school through activities such as learning walks, work scrutiny and regular drop-ins. Mrs Holmes also is involved in evaluating curriculum enhancement that take place throughout the school year.

2019 – 2020 focus

To continue to improve outcomes in Reading
To continue to improve outcomes in Speaking and Listening
To review and enhance the curriculum for English.

Outdoor Learning

All aspects of English can be promoted through outdoor learning. This year, we are offering and evaluating a number of opportunities for pupils to work in small groups and as part of larger teams to improve speaking and listening skills. We are also looking at developing stimulus for writing through outdoor experiences, through themed weeks such as Enchanted Forests Week.