



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow**  
**English Curriculum Rationale (GPS)**  
**2022/23**



## **Grammar, spelling and punctuation (GPS)**

### **Implementation**

High quality texts that are rich in vocabulary are used in English lessons and enthuse children to experiment with new and exciting vocabulary. Pupils are taught ambitious vocabulary in all subjects to enhance their knowledge and gain a greater understanding of the topic/ concept being taught. Throughout their time in our schools, children will grow their vocabulary and will be asked to articulate and justify their answers and opinions, to give well-structured descriptions and to participate actively in conversations. As their command of the English language grows, so will their confidence. Having a good knowledge of grammar and punctuation allows our children to communicate effectively and is an essential part of the writing process. This lifelong skill is taught progressively within each year group and children are given opportunities to showcase their skills through the English and wider curriculum. The teaching of grammar and punctuation is planned for and taught through our quality text based learning and through the Primary Literacy Project. In addition, basic skills sessions are taught which cover: grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading skills and handwriting. These are used to consolidate previous learning, introduce new concepts and ensure children are becoming independent in the application of these skills. It is an expectation that all children from Reception are taught specific grammar terminology and application so they develop confidence and competence in the skills from an early age. These skills are revisited in all years to cement their knowledge and understanding.

### **Impact**

We believe our children will understand the importance of correct grammar and punctuation in their speaking and writing. Develop and use a rich and varied vocabulary in both their conversations and written work. Use their knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to achieve in other areas of the curriculum, not just English lessons. High quality literature opens the children up to seeing in context the correct use of grammar and punctuation and develops their growing bank of exciting and ambitious vocabulary.