Key Concepts in English

#1 Creativity

Making connections between ideas, experiences, texts and language, drawing on a rich experience of language and literature.

Using creative approaches to answering questions, solving problems and developing ideas.

Thinking imaginatively to create original and engaging texts.

#2 Critical Thinking

Engaging with ideas and texts, understanding and responding to the main issues.

Assessing the validity and significance of information and ideas from different sources.

Exploring others' ideas and developing their own.

Analysing and evaluating spoken and written language to appreciate how meaning is shaped.

#3 Communication

Being clear, coherent and accurate in spoken and written communication.

Being adaptable in a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts within the classroom and beyond.

Making informed choices about effective ways to communicate formally and informally.

#4 Cultural Awareness

Experiencing different times, viewpoints and situations through wide reading and discussion of a range of texts from different time periods and backgrounds.

Exploring texts from different cultures and traditions so that pupils respect others, understand cultures and views other than their own and have a strong sense of their own place in the world.

Appreciating our rich and varied literary heritage.

Aiming for expert in English:

You are a confident and competent reader, writer and communicator beyond the English classroom. You have the confidence to develop yourself as an independent learner. You have a love of literature and read for enjoyment.

Through reading, you can appreciate and show awareness of cultural, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual aspects of life. Through writing, you can demonstrate your ability to be creative and imaginative, to communicate effectively, analyse and evaluate confidently and reflect on your experiences of life and the world around you. Through speaking and listening, you can fluently use your intellectual, social and linguistic skills to communicate effectively with others.

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