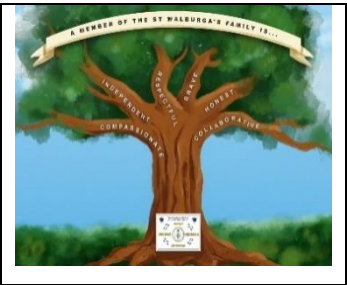




**As St. Walburga's school family we walk in the footsteps of Jesus by ...**

- welcoming all
- learning to be the best we can
- joining together in prayer
- serving God and one another



Writing Intent

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think up if only you try!

**Dr Seuss**

One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.

**Malala Yousafzai**

The best part about being an author is that when you write something, you can put it out into the universe.

**Michael Rosen**

At St Walburga's we recognise and appreciate the value of the written word as a powerful tool to communicate thought, passion, creativity and opinions throughout our lives. Our desire to give our pupils this vital skill is what underpins and drives our teaching of writing throughout the school.

From Foundation to Key Stage 1, through to Key Stage 2 and beyond; we believe that the National Curriculum is the best place to take our skills progression from. As your child moves through the school, previous knowledge is built upon and expanded, allowing the children to continually see development in their own writing. Our skills-based approach is taught in daily, discreet, short sessions, giving plenty of opportunity to acquire and practise the grammar and spelling skills they need.

We believe it is important that our children's writing is valued across the curriculum. The children are given lots of writing opportunities that fully immerse them in their class topics such as; recounting and retelling historical events through the eyes of 'eye-witnesses', poetry that allows them to explore the emotional toll historical events took (such as World War One poetry) and exploring and engaging with other cultures through non-fiction writing in geography.

We also know that the link between fluent, confident readers and able writers is a strong and proven connection. Therefore, we also have many opportunities for the children to get stuck in to high quality texts, using the rich vocabulary and inspiring stories to move their own writing forwards. We consolidate this by providing enrichment opportunities for our pupils through visits from professional, published authors. These workshops and assemblies are invaluable experiences that stay with the children long after the day has come to an end.

Finally, we would like to highlight the huge importance we place on giving our pupils real-world opportunities to express their Catholic, school values through their writing. Our pupils regularly demonstrate their compassion and collaboration through writing projects with in our own community. Previously, children have written to their local MP to voice their concern about the unfairness that not all children around the world have the opportunity to go to school. Our MP came to visit the school in response and made the children feel their voices had been heard. The pupils also regularly write letters and cards to care home residents in the local area, providing companionship and spreading joy to those who might otherwise feel isolated. Year 3 also has a pen pal project with our namesake school elsewhere in the country, just to name a few!

We believe it is these opportunities, giving children a purpose to their writing and immersing them in cross-curricular writing – coupled with our grammar and spelling based teaching sessions - that makes pupils at St Walburga's lifelong writers who enjoy it!