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## Glascote Academy Curriculum

Aim	Our aim is for every child to be a citizen of the world with an instilled sense of <b>Pride</b> in themselves, in their work, in their school and in their community							
Trust Vision	Inspiring all to excellence							
Trust Values	We care 	We leave no-one behind 	We celebrate individuality 	We are brave 				
Virtues	Perseverance 	Respect 	Inquisitive 	Duty 	Expressive 			
Big Ideas	G Globalisation 	L Leadership 	A Adventure 	S Significance 	C Change 	O Observe Critically 	T Traditions 	E Enterprise 



# Curriculum Intent



Upholds and promotes our vision of "Pride"

Raises aspirations and opens their eyes to a world beyond their immediate surroundings

Shapes independent and co-operative learners who learn from their mistakes

Promotes a life-long love of learning

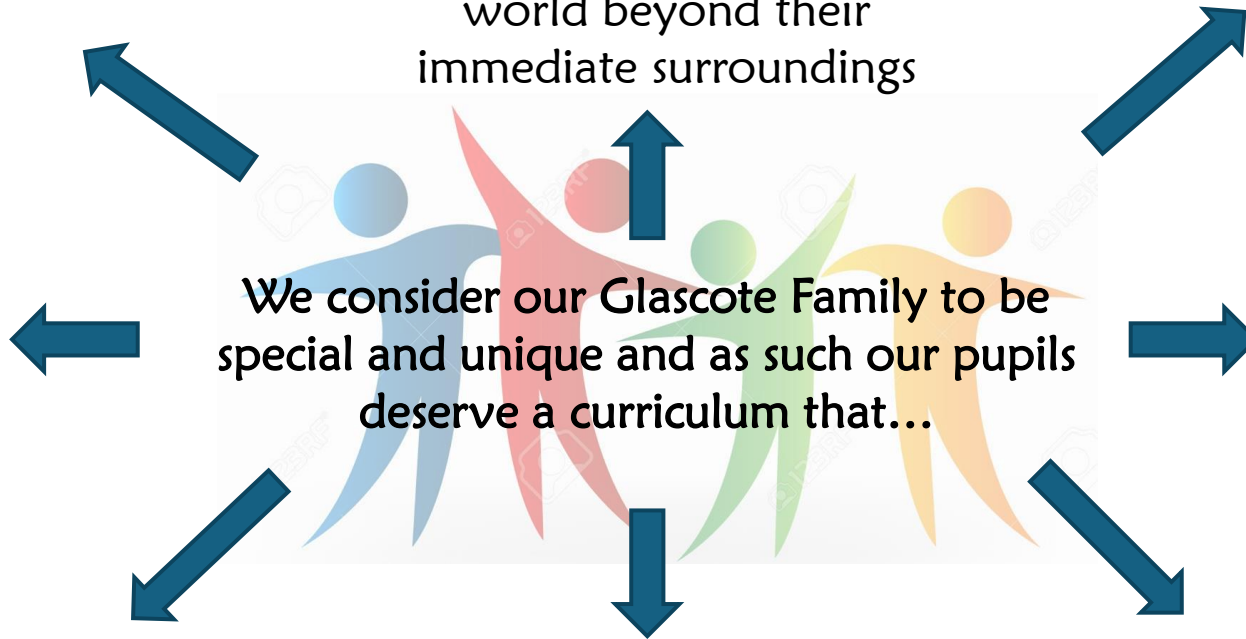
We consider our Glascote Family to be special and unique and as such our pupils deserve a curriculum that...

Promotes practical everyday life skills that prepare them for their future

Promotes creativity, curiosity, and confidence

Secures knowledge and skills across all EYFS and National Curriculum subjects that build upon prior knowledge

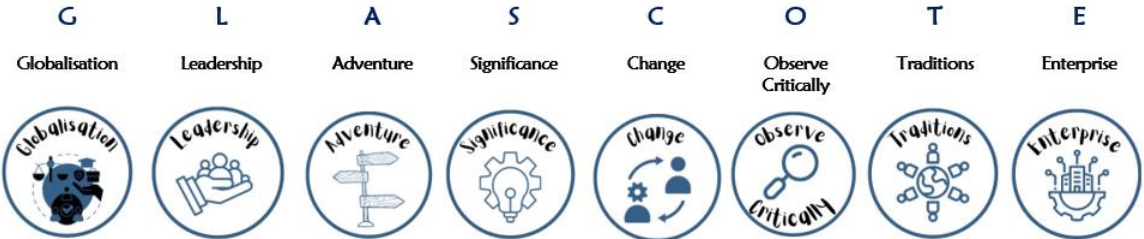
Builds character, resilience, self-motivation, and a will to succeed



**Subject Specific Sequencing and Key Concepts:** Each subject has been planned to ensure that knowledge and skills are sequenced from Early Years to Year 6. Key Concepts are the subject specific ‘*Golden Threads*’ that children will learn about, return to and revisit as they progress through our school. Our pupils will have opportunities to link new learning to prior knowledge thus building a rich and deep knowledge of these ‘*Golden Threads*’ with each encounter. (See *Writing long term plan with key concepts*)

**Big Ideas:**

These are the overarching ‘*Glascote*’ concepts that pupils can use and apply across different curriculum subjects. For example, in all areas of the curriculum, children will build an understanding of ‘significance’; learning about significant authors, artists, scientific discoveries, pieces of music, figures and events from different cultures, religions and history.



**Character Virtues:**

These are the underpinning qualities and character traits stemming from ‘*Pride*’ that we desire all of our children, and staff, to demonstrate.



# IMPLEMENTATION – Our approach



**Writing** at Glascote Academy, was previously taught using our own bespoke text-based unit plans; however, we are now following the Literacy Tree Framework. We chose Literacy Tree for our pupils as we believe that it continues the positive use of good quality text-based units but also provides valuable and exciting ‘hooks’ for learning along with the interweaving of writing in different styles throughout the journey of the unit before culminating in a final published piece.

*'Literacy Tree is a complete, book-based platform for primary schools that covers all requirements of the Primary English curriculum. The books we choose help children to grow ideas and expand their minds. We only choose significant and important children's literature to create our book-based resources. We provide book-based planning sequences, Writing Roots, which embed complete curriculum coverage and engage children to write with clear audience and purpose. Our Teach Through a Text Pedagogy is the backbone of each sequence.'* (Literacy Tree)

# IMPLEMENTATION – Our approach

The Teach Through a Text Approach  
from Literacy Tree

<b>Thematic link</b>	Links are made through themes & conventions within significant literature
<b>Discovery Point</b>	Dramatic conventions support immersion & create a hook with the book to create resonance
<b>Literary language</b>	Literary language explicitly taught and applied in writing
<b>Embedded comprehension</b>	Reading comprehension explicitly embedded through prediction and inference
<b>Embedded grammar</b>	Explicit grammar skills for writing taught in context to be applied purposefully
<b>Spelling &amp; vocabulary</b>	Explicit spelling skills are explored and linked to vocabulary acquisition
<b>Purpose &amp; audience</b>	Distinct shorter & longer writing opportunities rather than genre-led

Staff at Glascote Academy create a positive attitude towards writing learning both inside and outside the classrooms and promote the expectation that all children can achieve highly through adaptive teaching. Recall, repetition, modelling and practice are key facilitators used to support all children in their learning. Key vocabulary is an integral part of each unit of work, enabling children to have a greater understanding of important key concepts, '*Golden Threads*', thus enabling them to communicate as writers.



## EYFS Development Matters 2020: Communication & Language; Literacy

Children in reception will be learning to:

- Understand how to listen carefully and why listening is important
- Learn new vocabulary
- Use new vocabulary through the day
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them
- Articulate their ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences
- Connect one idea or action to another using a range of connectives
- Describe events in some detail
- Engage in storytimes
- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding
- Use new vocabulary in different contexts.
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound.
- Learn rhymes, poems and songs
- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Listen to and talk about selected non-fiction to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary
- Form lower-case and capital letters correctly
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s
- Write short sentences with words with known sound-letter correspondences using a capital letter and full stop
- Re-read what they have written to check that it makes sense

### Key stage 1: Year 1:

Writing - transcription

Spelling - see [English appendix 1](#)

Pupils should be taught to:

- spell:
  - words containing each of the 40+ phonemes already taught
  - common exception words
  - the days of the week
- name the letters of the alphabet:
  - naming the letters of the alphabet in order
  - using letter names to distinguish between alternative spellings of the same sound
- add prefixes and suffixes:
  - using the spelling rule for adding –s or –es as the plural marker for nouns and the third person singular marker for verbs
  - using the prefix un–
  - using –ing, –ed, –er and –est where no change is needed in the spelling of root words [for example, helping, helped, helper, eating, quicker, quickest]
- apply simple spelling rules and guidance, as listed in [English appendix 1](#)
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs and common exception words taught so far

### Key stage 1: Year 1:

#### Handwriting

Pupils should be taught to:

- sit correctly at a table, holding a pencil comfortably and correctly
- begin to form lower-case letters in the correct direction, starting and finishing in the right place
- form capital letters
- form digits 0-9
- understand which letters belong to which handwriting 'families' (ie letters that are formed in similar ways) and to practise these

#### Writing - composition

•Pupils should be taught to:

•write sentences by:

- saying out loud what they are going to write about
- composing a sentence orally before writing it
- sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- re-reading what they have written to check that it makes sense

•discuss what they have written with the teacher or other pupils

•read their writing aloud, clearly enough to be heard by their peers and the teacher

### Key stage 1: Year 1:

#### Writing - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English appendix 2](#) by:
  - leaving spaces between words
  - joining words and joining clauses using ‘and’
  - beginning to punctuate sentences using a capital letter and a full stop, question mark or exclamation mark
  - using a capital letter for names of people, places, the days of the week, and the personal pronoun ‘I’
  - learning the grammar for year 1 in [English appendix 2](#)
- use the grammatical terminology in English [English appendix 2](#) in discussing their writing

### Key stage 1: Year 2:

Writing - transcription

Spelling - see [English appendix 1](#)

Pupils should be taught to:

- spell by:
  - segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
  - learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones
  - learning to spell common exception words
  - learning to spell more words with contracted forms
  - learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book]
  - distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones
- add suffixes to spell longer words including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly
- apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in [English appendix 1](#)
- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far

**Key stage 1: Year 2:**

**Handwriting**

Pupils should be taught to:

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters

### Key stage 1: Year 2:

#### Writing - composition

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:
  - writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)
  - writing about real events
  - writing poetry
  - writing for different purposes
- consider what they are going to write before beginning by:
  - planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
  - writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary
  - encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence
- make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by:
  - evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils
  - rereading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
  - proofreading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly)
- read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear

### Key stage 1: Year 2:

#### Writing - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English appendix 2](#) by:
  - learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly - see [English appendix 2](#), including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)
  - learn how to use:
    - sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command
    - expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]
    - the present and past tenses correctly and consistently, including the progressive form
    - subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)
    - the grammar for year 2 in [English appendix 2](#)
    - some features of written Standard English
- use and understand the grammatical terminology in [English appendix 2](#) in discussing their writing

### Key stage 2 – Year 3 and 4:

#### Writing - transcription

#### Spelling - see [English appendix 1](#)

Pupils should be taught to:

- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand how to add them - see [English appendix 1](#)
- spell further homophones
- spell words that are often misspelt - see [English appendix 1](#)
- place the possessive apostrophe accurately in words with regular plurals [for example, girls', boys'] and in words with irregular plurals [for example, children's]
- use the first 2 or 3 letters of a word to check its spelling in a dictionary
- write from memory simple sentences, dictated by the teacher, that include words and punctuation taught so far

#### Handwriting

Pupils should be taught to:

- use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting, [for example, by ensuring that the downstrokes of letters are parallel and equidistant, and that lines of writing are spaced sufficiently so that the ascenders and descenders of letters do not touch]

### Key stage 2 – Year 3 and 4:

#### Writing - composition

Pupils should be taught to:

- plan their writing by:
  - discussing writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar
  - discussing and recording ideas
- draft and write by:
  - composing and rehearsing sentences orally (including dialogue), progressively building a varied and rich vocabulary and an increasing range of sentence structures [English appendix 2](#)
  - organising paragraphs around a theme
  - in narratives, creating settings, characters and plot
  - in non-narrative material, using simple organisational devices [for example, headings and sub-headings]
- evaluate and edit by:
  - assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggesting improvements
  - proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences
- proofread for spelling and punctuation errors
- read their own writing aloud to a group or the whole class, using appropriate intonation and controlling the tone and volume so that the meaning is clear

Key stage 2 – Year 3 and 4:

Writing - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English appendix 2](#) by:
  - extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including: when, if, because, although
  - using the present perfect form of verbs in contrast to the past tense
  - choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately for clarity and cohesion and to avoid repetition
  - using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
  - using fronted adverbials
  - learning the grammar for years 3 and 4 in [English appendix 2]/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/335190/English\_Appendix\_2\_-\_Vocabulary\_grammar\_and\_punctuation.pdf)
- indicate grammatical and other features by:
  - using commas after fronted adverbials
  - indicating possession by using the possessive apostrophe with plural nouns
  - using and punctuating direct speech
- use and understand the grammatical terminology in [English appendix 2](#) accurately and appropriately when discussing their writing and reading

### Key stage 2 – Year 5 and 6:

#### Writing - transcription

#### Spelling - see [English appendix 1](#)

Pupils should be taught to:

- use further prefixes and suffixes and understand the guidance for adding them
- spell some words with ‘silent’ letters [for example, knight, psalm, solemn]
- continue to distinguish between homophones and other words which are often confused
- use knowledge of morphology and etymology in spelling and understand that the spelling of some words needs to be learnt specifically, as listed in [English appendix 1](#)
- use dictionaries to check the spelling and meaning of words
- use the first 3 or 4 letters of a word to check spelling, meaning or both of these in a dictionary
- use a thesaurus

#### Handwriting and presentation

Pupils should be taught to:

- write legibly, fluently and with increasing speed by:
  - choosing which shape of a letter to use when given choices and deciding whether or not to join specific letters
  - choosing the writing implement that is best suited for a task

## Key Stage National Curriculum Expectations: Writing

### Key stage 2 – Year 5 and 6: Writing - composition

Pupils should be taught to:

- plan their writing by:
  - identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own
  - noting and developing initial ideas, drawing on reading and research where necessary
  - in writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed
- draft and write by:
  - selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning
  - in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action
  - précising longer passages
  - using a wide range of devices to build cohesion within and across paragraphs
  - using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader [for example, headings, bullet points, underlining]
- evaluate and edit by:
  - assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing
  - proposing changes to vocabulary, grammar and punctuation to enhance effects and clarify meaning
  - ensuring the consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
  - ensuring correct subject and verb agreement when using singular and plural, distinguishing between the language of speech and writing and choosing the appropriate register
- proofread for spelling and punctuation errors
- perform their own compositions, using appropriate intonation, volume, and movement so that meaning is clear

## Key stage 2 – Year 5 and 6: Writing - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation

Pupils should be taught to:

- develop their understanding of the concepts set out in [English appendix 2](#) by:
  - recognising vocabulary and structures that are appropriate for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms
  - using passive verbs to affect the presentation of information in a sentence
  - using the perfect form of verbs to mark relationships of time and cause
  - using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely
  - using modal verbs or adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility
  - using relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose, that or with an implied (ie omitted) relative pronoun
  - learning the grammar for years 5 and 6 in [English appendix 2](#)
- indicate grammatical and other features by:
  - using commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing
  - using hyphens to avoid ambiguity
  - using brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis
  - using semicolons, colons or dashes to mark boundaries between independent clauses
  - using a colon to introduce a list
  - punctuating bullet points consistently
- use and understand the grammatical terminology in [English appendix 2](#) accurately and appropriately in discussing their writing and reading

# IMPACT– Our approach

At Glascote Academy, we are determined that teaching and learning in all subjects is driven by our curriculum intent. Therefore, we monitor the impact of learning in each lesson through teacher observations, discussions, and work produced which is evidenced in children's books and displays.

Impact is also measured at the end of a unit of work through:

- Internal and external picture building
- Internal and external moderation

