

# "Inspiring minds to ignite lifelong learning"



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# Literacy at Onchan

Onchan School Key Drivers

#### Outdoor Learning

Within our Literacy learning there are often opportunities to take learning outside of the classroom and apply the skills in different situations.

#### **Blended Learning**

Children have access to Read Theory and Teams. Both of these can be accessed at home as well as school and are used to support reading comprehension and sharing and discussing texts. Videos are also used to display an alternative version of a text.

# **Intent -** What are our aims?

We aim to give children the opportunity to develop a positive attitude towards Literacy and gain a deeper understanding of the English language through a variety of creative approaches and activities. Our aims incude, but are not limited to: reading and writing with confidence, developing a love of reading, understanding a range of genres and developing vocabulary and imagination.

## Implementation – How are we working towards our aims?

We have developed, through research, a robust and challenging approach to Literacy, utilising a variety of schema that matches the needs of our pupils. To support the teaching of Literacy the Literary Tree Curriculum is used across the school. Year groups follow the same text simultaneously and planning is annotated to ensure a robust approach. The texts are chosen to ensure a range of genres are taught each year. Once per half term children complete a "cold write" independently, which we use to assess their individual ability.

### Impact - How do we know when we have achieved our aims?

We see children enjoying their Literacy lessons and contributing to the discussions. They have pride in their learning and are eager to share writing they have completed linked to a book. Children can apply their Literacy skills across other areas of learning and in all aspects of their life. We can analyse our data to see our progress in Reading, Writing and Speaking and Listening.

# Extra Opportunties at Onchan

Children have opportunities to visit the local library. At Onchan School, we often have authors in to share their books and hold workshops with children. We celebrate Wold Book Day annually with whole school activities. Children have the opportunity to enter the Guild and we share local and national competition information with them e.g. BBC 500 words.