

English at Pondhu School

As English subject leader I work with Mrs Hearn (our English link governor) and with all members of staff to raise standards in all areas of English (phonics, reading, speaking and listening, writing and grammar punctuation and spelling) across the school. Reading provision is a strength at Pondhu and we're looking to build on our success by making it a real focus for this year. Each day starts with family reading time at 8.45am that includes a range of reading activities. Reading skills are further improved with one of our English lessons being comprehension based each week, with reading records used across the school, during peer reading sessions with partner classes and with book reviews completed to check understanding of the books independently read by the children.

Recently all staff members have undergone grammar, punctuation and spelling training with the implementation of the curriculum and the increased challenge of the 2016 SATS in mind. Our whole school 'common language' approach to fiction and non-fiction writing is proving very effective with standards of writing high by the time our pupils leave our school.

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Link Governor: Karen Hearn