English Vision Statement

"Those that love reading have everything within their reach."

William Godwin

At Capel St Mary it is our desire that every child is driven by a need to read – to explore new worlds, new characters, new genres, and to have an appetite for reading that must be fed. It is our aim that every child is so filled with imagination that they are compelled to share it through their writing, and that every child feels confident to participate in drama and see it as a thrilling and exciting extension of their reading and writing.

In order to pursue our vision, our English curriculum is fundamentally built on a foundation of quality texts and books. Why? Because as Jacqueline Wilson says: "There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

Through our curriculum, our pupils have the opportunity to explore a wide range of genres and authors – thoughtfully selected to encourage them to be curious learners by fostering their interests. We create a wealth of opportunities for children to learn about the world around them and explore cultural appreciation. Our projects allow pupils to recognise that English goes beyond the classroom and the library – encouraging them to recognise that the skills taught in our English lessons feed into all subjects, and in doing so it provides context, and develops their understanding and deepens their knowledge.

It is our passion that when our children leave Capel St Mary they are readers and writers who have achieved the basic skills required to

further their academic studies, but greater than this, that they love to read and they love to write.