The Castle @ Theale

English and Literacy

To be able to express ourselves within our world is an essential part of who we are. We must be able to make sense of the world around us and the people around us and be able to communicate effectively our needs, wants, views and experiences. English and Literacy development enriches our lives and open doors. Our curriculum is carefully chosen to provide rich and diverse learning and skill development opportunities and the flexibility to meet the needs and interests of our learners.

The programme of learning is planned carefully to meet the needs of all learners, in order to make individual, meaningful progress.

English and Literacy is supported by a wide range of materials and resources, teaching and learning will vary according to the skills, interests and needs of individuals. In any given learning group, students are likely to be working on different things in different ways.

English and Literacy is planned into every day. We understand the need to ensure that the environment is 'just right' for individuals, learning will often take place in a functional setting, outdoors or in real life scenarios.

The English and Literacy curriculum is planned with 5 key elements.

- 1: Literary heritage
- 2: Key knowledge
- 3: Vocabulary
- 4: Writing
- 5: Reading for pleasure

Communication in all its forms is integrated within our whole school community and is a focus within all interactions, planned and unplanned.