



Brandeston Hall

English

The aim of the English Department at Brandeston Hall is to engender a love of the written and spoken word. Whether it be from listening to 'Spot Goes to School' to unravelling the plot and complex relationships in 'Of Mice and Men', all children are actively encouraged to express their opinions and appreciate the breadth of literature our language has produced.

Children in Pre-Prep learn to read using various approaches before moving on to graded readers in the Junior Department. All year groups from 3 - 8 read a set text each term and this, along with the appropriate Junior English text book, becomes the focus of their work as they move towards 11+ and 13+ Common Entrance examinations.

From Reception to Year 5 children are taught in mixed ability groups and in Years 6 – 8 they are set in three ability groups. Classroom assistance is given to those who require it and the department works in close liaison with the Learning Support Department. The more able are enriched through a variety of methods.

Regular use of the school library, visiting authors, storytellers, poetry, creative writing and handwriting competitions and our annual Book Week celebration combine to provide a stimulating environment for all pupils.