

Success for All (SFA)

The English curriculum at Bures is taught mainly through the 'Success for All' programme.

'Success for All' (SFA) is a literacy programme which offers daily lessons in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. The Roots materials (used mainly in KS1) are based on years of evidence-based practice and research that explicitly links synthetic phonics sounds and skills to children's reading and writing tasks. Children are given a 'jump start' in letter sound correspondence and blending, which forms the basis for sentence-level reading and spelling. The Wings materials (used mainly in KS2) challenge both basic and more competent readers to develop their skills through reading a wide range of carefully selected texts.

In both Roots and Wings, children are grouped according to their reading age rather than their year group or special educational need. The teacher can then teach to their specific abilities rather than differentiating across a wide range in a year group. This significantly reduces the strain on the teacher to differentiate high quality lessons for all the children in their class and increases children's confidence given books that they can access immediately, with the appropriate level of challenge.

In a daily 90-minute session, children in Roots receive targeted phonics instruction; individual and partner reading; a guided story session with their teacher, and a writing task designed to showcase their understanding of genre and grammar – all pitched specifically to their current learning ability!

The Wings curriculum is based entirely around real books by famous authors with over 100+ units ranging from one to four weeks long in a wide variety of genres from fiction to non-fiction, poetry to plays, classical extracts to digital e-texts. Children read the entire book and complete a weekly writing task matched to the book's genre and grammar focus.

Wings supports teachers in developing essential KS2 literacy skills such as inference, deduction, summarisation, prediction and questioning. Weekly units contain mini-comprehension tests based around question type identification strategies, which research has shown to be excellent preparation for Year 6 SATs tests. The Wings programme also includes Extended Writing Modules and Grammar for Editing materials which help teach children to write across all the major genres and edit their work accordingly.