



Excellence in Literacy Quality Mark

Over the past year we have been working hard to achieve this quality mark. Many hours were spent reflecting upon practice and how we can continually improve. This was done through a yearlong self-evaluation process followed by a day long visit from an assessor from the Institute of Education International Literacy Centre.

We are pleased to announce we were awarded The Excellence in Literacy Quality Mark on 12th December 2016.

This is a huge achievement as only one other school in Milton Keynes has received the award.

What does this mean for my child at Heronshaw School?

- At Heronshaw we do everything we can to ensure that your child receives the greatest teaching and provision to support the development in reading and writing.

Key areas of strength highlighted by the assessor which support this are:

- Reading for pleasure is highly valued and promoted through attractive displays, reading buddies, regular book promotion events, provision of high quality texts, attractive class reading areas and a newly built library.
- A systematic approach is taken to the teaching of synthetic phonics and the chosen programme is followed with fidelity.
- Heronshaw invests time in staff development.
- Pupil voice is valued at Heronshaw School. Pupils are polite and confident and they talk enthusiastically about their learning.

