

## **At The Belham Primary, we believe that the books we read shape the humans we become.**

That's why our writing curriculum is built around a purposeful collection of high-quality texts that reflect the diversity of our community, challenge stereotypes, support emotional literacy and build character.

Our core texts inspire writing that has voice, depth and authenticity – from persuasive letters and heartfelt recounts to imaginative stories and information pieces. We select books that do more than model great writing: they nurture empathy, spark curiosity and encourage children to see the world – and themselves – with fresh eyes.

### **We choose texts that:**

- **Represent a wide range of cultures and lived experiences**

So children feel seen, heard and valued – and learn to value others.

- **Challenge stereotypes around gender, race, disability and identity**

Inviting reflection, discussion and critical thinking.

- **Support mental health and emotional literacy**

Helping children name emotions, build resilience and express themselves.

- **Introduce traditional and ancient tales from around the world**

Teaching structure, symbolism and the shared human experience.

- **Explore environmental and social issues**

Encouraging action, compassion and a sense of global citizenship.

- **Model key writing purposes**

Carefully matched mentor texts support writing to inform, describe, persuade and narrate.