

## **English at OJS**

During this time, to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff we have adapted this subject by taking physical distancing and sharing of resources into account.

In light of these guidelines, at Overdale we continue to monitor and update our restrictions in line with the UK government's most up to date recommendations.

We:

- ventilate rooms well.
- provide children with own labelled pen, resources and stationery equipment.
- seat children side by side, facing the same direction for partner and discussion work.
- avoid large gatherings - reading assemblies take place through video recording so that we can celebrate children's reading success and draw winners for the weekly reading prize.
- have made the decision to avoid sending *Reading Journals* home and bringing them in each week. Instead, we are using an online system which is emailed to parents.
- have made the decision to have separate reading books for home and school to avoid carrying books back and forth. All books returned to school are quarantined over the weekend before being returned to the shelves.
- clean reading resources such as models, hats, figures and objects in the classroom to enhance the teaching around texts.
- clean dictionaries and other shared books before and after use.
- use video clips to bring performance to the classroom in lieu of taking children to see live performances or have author visits at this time.

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