



Dahl are a key stage 2 class within the Formal learning approach and are based at St Katherine's Primary School. There are 15 pupils in class who are supported by a Class Teacher and 4 Teaching Assistants.

We focus on ensuring pupils feel confident and happy so that they can engage in learning and make progress with reading, writing and maths. We place importance on developing independence with learning at school and at home. During topic activities, pupils develop their skills and knowledge through participating in 'hands on' and creative activities as well as written activities. During PHSE we focus on valuable life skills and developing self-esteem and relationships. Pupils learn how to keeping themselves safe whilst out in the community and online at home.

The pupils learn best with practical activities, real life experiences and highly visual approaches. They have opportunities to work in small groups, with their learning partners and independently. There are lots of opportunities to develop understanding and expressive language through real life experiences, 'hands on' activities and structured speaking and listening activities. Importance is placed on developing social and communication skills to help pupils become confident and independent members of the class, school and community in the future. We use the Zones of Regulation to help pupils understand emotions and be able to explain how they are feeling. Each pupil has their own "toolbox" of strategies to help them to regulate their emotions, with support.

We are fortunate to have a great outside environment at St Katherine's for PE. When the weather does not allow this, pupils participate in PE activities in the school hall. They access swimming lessons in St Katherine's indoor teaching pool and are developing swimming and water safety skills. We use every opportunity to learn together in school, in the outside learning environment and in the local community.

