



## Active English

At Long Sutton Primary School, we have adopted 'Active English' as our approach to teaching children grammar. This whole school approach is introduced in Year 1 and used throughout school to Year 6.

When we talk of grammar, we are talking about teaching the children the building blocks of language and writing; the structural rules governing the composition of clauses, phrases and words. The system was designed by the LEAD teaching school to be taught in conjunction to the teaching of punctuation and sentence construction within English lessons to create a solid foundation of knowledge that can be applied to the children's writing and oracy skills.

This approach is based on research that shows learning is retained more effectively from experience and interaction. The scheme is taught daily (for approximately 15 minutes) using images, actions and verbal reasoning to accelerate the children's learning. Using relevant and quality modelling of the text type being studied alongside other aspects of Active English allows the children to understand how writing is constructed.

Below are the images used during Active English lessons. The programme is designed to be started once children have a secure understanding of phonics.

Children will be introduced to each image when their class teacher feels they are ready and in line with national expectations.

