

## Preparation for teaching English on the Primary PGCE

English is one of the core subjects in the National Curriculum 2013. Throughout the course, we will explore teaching approaches and support you in developing your subject knowledge. To help you prepare, it is important that you gain an understanding of the statutory requirements of teaching from the areas of learning and development (Early Years Foundation Stage) and the Programmes of Study (National Curriculum) for your age phases of training and begin to consider your own subject knowledge requirements for teaching these age ranges.

### Early Years Foundation Stage

Please look at the Statutory framework and the place of literacy (reading and writing) and communication and language within the following two documents:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/858652/EYFSP\\_Handbook\\_2020v5.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/858652/EYFSP_Handbook_2020v5.pdf)

[Development Matters - Non-statutory curriculum guidance for the early years foundation stage \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/858652/EYFSP_Handbook_2020v5.pdf)

### National Curriculum (Key stages 1 & 2)

Consider the programmes of study for reading (word reading and comprehension) and writing (composition and transcription,) and how these progress from year 1 – 6:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/425601/PRIMARY\\_national\\_curriculum.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425601/PRIMARY_national_curriculum.pdf)

### Phonic knowledge and early reading

In order to teach reading effectively you will need to develop your subject knowledge about Systematic Synthetic Phonics. In-order to prepare yourself for this important strand of subject knowledge, please familiarise yourself with the terms in the glossary on page 3 of this document.

Please also familiarise yourself with the following government publication:

[The reading framework - teaching the foundations of literacy \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/858652/EYFSP_Handbook_2020v5.pdf)

### Children's Literature

Teachers need to be enthusiastic and knowledgeable readers of children's literature. You should start reading children's books as part of your professional development. A good website to find new book titles for different age phases is on the UKLA Book Awards section: <https://ukla.org/awards/ukla-book-award>

### Grammatical Knowledge

Grammatical knowledge is an important strand of English subject knowledge. We suggest you look at the grammar glossary section of the National Curriculum and the Year 6 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SPaG tests online: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>