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## Rationale for the teaching of English

English is an essential part of education and society. In an ever-changing society where technology is developing at a rapid pace, communication is key. At Newstead Primary School children will develop the skills to be able to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others, and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Reading provides the chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. Reading also plays a key role in the acquisition of knowledge.

## Aims for the teaching of English

Our aims in English are that all children can:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audience
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.