

Phonic and Reading activities

The Department for Education National Curriculum for England states that reading helps pupils to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually and socially.

An important goal of the curriculum is therefore to enable young learners to become fluent readers and the department of education regards this as the best way to develop pupils' comprehension skills and love of reading, and to prepare them for success in secondary school.

As their reading skills develop, pupils gain the ability to read a wide variety of material, including stories, poems and non-fiction. This extensive reading broadens their vocabulary, develops their general knowledge, and allows them to acquire self-knowledge. It is also believed that when children share in the lives of others, they see the world through new eyes and develop a greater capacity for empathy. In addition, reading may actually help to increase the young reader's intelligence by laying down new neural pathways in the brain.

Some simple ideas to develop reading and phonic skills:

