

**Guidance for Pre-Course Study - Primary English 2023**

**How long do you have available for this? The list below suggests tasks and approximate timings and the order is our recommendation. You will undoubtedly wish to adapt this advice to your individual circumstances.** **Having a good understanding of the different elements of English and their interconnectedness is key for high quality English learning in the primary classroom.**

* **Familiarise yourself with the National Curriculum for English for Key Stage 1 and 2.** At this stage you should be exploring the purpose and content, trying to gain an overview of the curriculum requirements for English. Have a look at the appendices too to see how familiar you are with all the terms currently used. *1-2 hours*

[English programmes of study: key stages 1 and 2 (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335186/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_English_220714.pdf)

* **Read a range of picture pictures books for young children and also two children’s fiction texts from the 5-7 age range, and two from the 7-11 age range.** It is recommended that students read texts which have been short listed for - or won - one of the major children’s literature awards, such as Smarties and Kate Greenaway Awards, Carnegie Medal, the Children’s Book Award, the Scottish Arts Council Children’s Book Awards and Red House Book Awards. No need to buy these books – just go along your local library or access some of the picture books being read aloud on YouTube and other sites. Make a note of ones you read and what you thought of them and bring this with you when you start. *As long as you like!*

[Children’s Book Award 2023 – The Federation of Children's Book Groups (fcbg.org.uk)](https://fcbg.org.uk/childrens-book-award-2023/)

[The Yoto Kate Greenaway Medal Shortlist 2023 – The CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Children's Book Awards (carnegiegreenaway.org.uk)](https://yotocarnegies.co.uk/medals/)

* **Find out why Reading for Pleasure is so important!** We are passionate about the power of reading and the importance of engaging children in reading for pleasure. Take a look at this website and start by accessing the YouTube clip on how to navigate the site. Then explore and find out why Reading for Pleasure is so important and central to being a successful primary teacher. Make some notes and bring them along when you start. *As long as you like!*

[Findings - Reading for Pleasure (ourfp.org)](https://ourfp.org/findings/)