

Dear Trainee

Welcome. We are looking forward to meeting you in September. At the beginning of the course, we will give you an English Pathway study guide and let you know about the content of the course. In the meantime, you might like to do some preparatory reading.

Within this pack you will also have received some information about the curriculum studies English programme that all trainees undertake and the required preparation for this. As an English pathway trainee, we suggest you spend time considering questions such as:

'What is English?' and 'How do we learn English?' You might want to think about the various elements of English: speaking, listening, reading, writing, drama, language - can you think of any more? The following books will be a good starting place:

Myhill, D., Jones, S., Watson, A. and Lines, H. (2016). *Essential Primary Grammar*. Maidenhead: Open University Press.

Bearne, E., Reedy, D. (2020) *Teaching Grammar Effectively in Primary Schools: Second Edition revised and updated (Ideas in Practice)*. Leicester: UKLA.

Eyres, I. (2007), *English for Primary and Early Years: Developing Subject Knowledge (Developing Subject Knowledge series) (2nd Edition)*. London: Sage.

Medwell, J., Wray, D., Moore, G. and Griffiths, V. (2021), *Primary English: Knowledge and Understanding (9th Edition)*. London: Learning Matters.

Medwell, J., Wray, D., Minns, H., Griffiths, V. and Coates, L. (2021), *Primary English: Teaching Theory and Practice (9th Edition)*. London: Learning Matters.

Wilson, A., Scanlon, J. (2011), *Language Knowledge for Primary Teachers, (4th Edition)*. London: Routledge.

Baldwin, L., with Chamberlain, L., Scanlan, M., Stockwell, S., and Suggett, N. (2018). *Leading English in the Primary School: A Subject Leader's Guide*. London: Routledge.

Do not feel you have to read them all. We hope they will help you develop a vision for what matters to you in English teaching and learning.

You may also want to look at the following websites:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/primary>

<https://clpe.org.uk/powerofreading>

<https://phonicsinternational.com/free-resources/> Free Phonics Resources

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/>

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/Home>

At the moment, there is a particular focus in schools on the teaching of grammar. It may be helpful for you to have a look at a recent Year 6 SPAG test to get a sense of the depth of grammar knowledge required.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-2016-sample-materials#key-stage-2>

Please note that during the course there may be some optional activities that will incur a cost. If you do not wish to take part in these activities you will not be at a disadvantage.

All trainees on the English pathway programme are welcome to join the Facebook group for past and present trainees, where you can find news, resources, jobs and research. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/primarypgceenglishexeter/> for more details.

In the meantime, we wish you a good summer and look forward to meeting you in September.

With best wishes

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