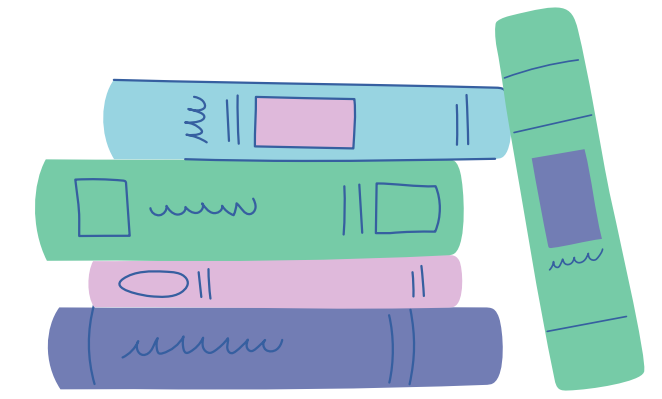


ENGLISH

at Damers First School



English

At Damers we believe that both written and oral communication is key to life long success. We teach our children the skills, knowledge and experiences they need to use language effectively. We develop our children's love of stories, books and language from a very young age. Children are read to regularly, all the way through the school. Teachers discuss books with pupils and share their love of literature.

Reading

We aim for the children to develop a love for literature and value the importance of reading as a gateway to a wealth of knowledge about the world around them. As well as the teaching of reading through phonics, we develop each child's comprehension skills through careful questioning and discussion. All classrooms have enticing book corners that display a range of texts, as well as a selection of carefully chosen stories, poems and non fiction books relating to the topic being taught.



Writing

We instill a joy of language into the hearts and minds of all our pupils. Children are exposed to a wide range of stories and genres of writing to develop a structure to build upon and add their own ideas to. Punctuation, grammar and spellings are taught within each year group in a fun and interactive way. We also use some talk for writing, story making and other speaking, listening, role play and reading activities.

Spoken Language

We recognise the importance of developing spoken language. We use it to have our needs met, to dictate our likes and dislikes, to request information, to debate, to socialise, as well as to establish and maintain relationships. The ability to communicate is the basis of social and emotional well-being. We use practical ways of developing children's speaking and listening and discussion and debate across the curriculum.