**ENGLISH**

**Purpose (Intent)**

At New City Primary School, we aim to teach our children the skills they need to develop not just academically but also as individuals and communicators. By learning to speak and listen as well as read and write fluently, children can effectively communicate their ideas and emotions to others.. Our rich and exciting curriculum has reading as its core value as through reading pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Reading also enables pupils both to acquire knowledge and to build on what they already know. At New City, we teach our children to be great thinkers and communicators to prepare them to participate fully as a members of society.

**Aims (implementation)**

* 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 audiences
* 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

**Outcomes (Impact)**

Children are engaged in their learning and eager to widen their understanding and apply their skills; they are able to see connections between the skills learn in class and their application in their wider learning and life experiences. When discussing their own work, it is clear that they take ownership of their personal developments targets and are proud of their achievements.