

# ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

## Curriculum Overview

At Swanlea we are enriched by our multi-ethnic environment and the many ideas, cultures and traditions that enhance our community. With this cultural diversity also comes language diversity and that can bring its own challenges in terms of developing English, and meeting the requirements of the curriculum and life in the community beyond the school.

The EAL team aims to support pupils in the school for whom English is not their first language. Most of our pupils in fact are EAL (have English as an additional language), and as a whole school we aim to train staff and support pupils to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

The EAL team works with staff and pupils in a variety of ways to develop the literacy skills of both pupils who were born in the UK, and more specifically pupils who have come to the UK recently and need additional support to learn English.

We can provide a variety of support including:

- lead practitioners with expertise working with staff to develop literacy skills in their classrooms
- support within the classroom for small groups
- targeted withdrawal for groups of pupils set at their level of English and study support groups at KS4

We work closely with parents in helping to support their child's English skills, and we are always happy to talk to any parent who has concerns about their daughter or son.

Should you want to know more about the EAL team and the work it does, please call us on 0207 375 3267 ext 314 and ask to speak to Ms M Williams.