

Meeting the needs of EAL pupils

At Elmwood Infant School we ensure that children who speak English as an additional language (EAL) have full access to the curriculum and we welcome families from many different cultures.

Teachers are highly skilled at adapting teaching to meet the needs of EAL learners. EAL learners are supported in the classroom by:

- Making activities visual and practical using culturally diverse resources.
- Grouping children with positive English speaking role models.
- Having high expectations and setting clear targets.
- Emphasising speaking and listening skills.
- Repeating and discussing key vocabulary in an activity.
- Working in small groups and also within the whole class.



EAL pupils are sometimes given additional support by specialist teachers and bilingual staff. They work with class teachers to plan lessons and teaching materials. Our EAL support staff include: Mrs O'Dwyer, Cecilia and Mrs Samadi.



If you have any questions about your child's progress, please come and talk to the class teacher. Many of our teaching assistants speak different community languages and can help with translations if you need them. You can also speak to a member of the EAL support team or contact Miss Walsh.

Children benefit enormously if they are encouraged to continue to develop their first language alongside English.