# How does *Project X* meet the aims of the new National Curriculum?

Below are the key literacy aims from the new National Curriculum. See how *Project X* can help you deliver the key aims, through its high-quality books that engage children at every stage of their reading journey.

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| *Children should articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions* | *Project X Origins and Project X Alien Adventures*  
   Children are encouraged to talk before, during and after reading in response to the text, exploring their thoughts, justifying their opinions and responding to others in the group.  
   *Project X CODE*  
   In every intervention session, children are encouraged to discuss their thoughts about the story as a group, listening and responding to each other. |
| *Children should ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and build vocabulary and knowledge* | *Project X Origins*  
   Opportunities for group discussion and questioning are built into every session, giving children a chance to develop their comprehension and vocabulary.  
   *Project X CODE*  
   ‘After reading’ activities strengthen speaking and listening skills, focusing on clarifying and deepening children’s understanding of what they have just read.  
   *Project X Alien Adventures*  
   The animations and series Companions encourage talk and build a deeper understanding of the characters and their mission. ‘Retell the story’ pages act as prompts for developing formative comprehension skills. |
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| *Children should use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas* | **Project X Phonics**  
Embedded teaching notes in every book develop a richer language experience.  
**Project X Origins**  
Unique thematic clusters offer a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles to engage every child, broadening their knowledge and understanding through group discussion.  
**Project X CODE**  
‘Before reading’ activities create opportunities for children to discuss, predict and speculate about the story they are about to read.  
**Project X Alien Adventures**  
The on-going mission acts as a stimulus for provoking imaginative responses when speculating what might happen next. ‘Fact files’ encourage deeper exploration of the aliens, planets and creatures the characters encounter. |

| Children should participate in discussions, presentations, performances and debates | **Project X Phonics**  
Songs, rhymes, games and phonic activities develop listening and spoken language skills.  
**Project X Origins**  
As children work in small groups to read and explore books, they learn to share thoughts, respond to others and debate different points of view. Children are also encouraged to respond to the books through role-play, performance and by presenting their ideas to the group. |

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| *Children should be taught to read easily and fluently* | **Project X Phonics**  
40 fully decodable books 100% matched to Letters and Sounds are ideal for consolidating the skills children learn in whole-class phonics sessions.  
**Project X Origins**  
200 motivating books help children progress from decoding to richer reading and comprehension. The software offers audio-visual versions of a selection of books to provide models of fluent expressive reading. The Guided Reading Notes include ideas for developing pace through purposeful ‘read aloud’ activities, drama and role-play.  
**Project X Alien Adventures**  
A structured phonic progression helps children build reading stamina and confidence, while the amazing storyline ensures children want to read on.  
**Project X CODE**  
A proven reading intervention that combines systematic synthetic phonics, comprehension development, motivational 3D design and gripping stories to accelerate the progress of SEN and struggling readers. Models of fluent reading are provided with an eBook version of every story. |
| *Children should be taught to read with good understanding* | All the *Project X* series teach the full range of reading strategies to help children develop decoding skills, comprehension and a love of reading. |
The aims of the new National Curriculum | How *Project X* delivers these aims:

| **Children should develop the habit of reading widely and often for pleasure** | *Project X Origins*  
Unique thematic clusters link fiction and non-fiction to encourage wider reading. The exciting and motivational content of the books and supporting software is designed to hook all children into reading.  
*Project X CODE*  
Popular characters and gripping book-by-book adventure storylines keep children wanting to read on and carefully levelled texts ensure children’s confidence as readers grows and grows.  
*Project X Alien Adventures*  
The ongoing story and exciting missions make children want to keep reading, and careful, structured phonics gives them the confidence from day 1 in order to develop a reading habit. |

| **Children should acquire a wide vocabulary** | *Project X Phonics*  
The teacher-led richer narrative in each book provides access to a wider vocabulary experience.  
*Project X Origins*  
Thematic clusters enable children to encounter new words frequently in different books and genres, thus building their range of, and confidence in, new vocabulary.  
*Project X Code*  
Dedicated ‘exploring vocabulary sections’ and ‘after reading’ activities support children in building their vocabulary.  
*Project X Alien Adventures*  
Children acquire a richness of language and new vocabulary through the planets they visit and aliens they meet. |

| **Writing** | **Children should have an understanding of grammar**  
*Project X Origins*  
The Guided Reading Notes provide opportunities to explore the structure and language of a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.  
*Project X Phonics* develops children’s ability to spell common and familiar words in a recognisable way, with writing activity ideas included in every book.  
*Project X Origins*  
The Guided Reading Notes include fun activities to develop writing skills, with short and long writing tasks suggested for every book.  
*Project X CODE*  
‘Takeaway’ activities provide opportunities for children to practise their learning in wider contexts such as in class or at home and include writing tasks.  
*Project X Alien Adventures*  
In-book features provide a fantastic springboard for writing, and the Companions are guaranteed to bring out children’s interest in creative writing. |

| **Children should write accurately** | **Project X Origins**  
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