

LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE OUR BEST

**DOVER PARK  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Policy**

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## **Introduction**

In our school we teach a foreign language to all our KS2 children as part of our normal school curriculum.

We believe that a Modern Foreign Language prepares pupils to participate in a rapidly changing world in which work and other activities are often carried out in languages other than English. The rise of international commerce means that pupils need to be equipped with the skills needed by the international workplace. The choice of which language to teach is secondary to the lifelong language learning skills that the pupils will be encouraged to develop. Skills that they will be able access in the future will help them to learn new languages or to improve their competence in an existing language. Increased capability in the use of MFL promotes initiative, confidence and independent learning and encourages diversity within society.

## **Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives of learning a modern foreign language in primary school are:

- To foster an interest in learning other languages;
- To introduce young children to another language in a way that is enjoyable and fun;
- To make young children aware that language has a structure, and that the structure differs from one language to another;
- To help children develop their awareness of cultural differences in other countries;
- To develop their speaking and listening skills; To lay the foundations for future study.

## **Organisation**

In KS2, each class has a timetabled weekly French lesson of 45 minutes. Lessons across the Key Stage support the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing: Children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and respond, joining in with songs, rhymes and games.

## **The curriculum**

French is the modern foreign language that is taught in our school. The curriculum that is followed is based on the guidance given in the revised National Curriculum, using the scheme, 'Language Angels.'

The children are taught to know and understand how to:

- Ask and answer questions;
- Use correct pronunciation and intonation;
- Memorise words;
- Interpret meaning;
- Understand basic grammar;
- Use dictionaries;
- Work in pairs and groups, and communicate in French; Look at life in another culture.

During French sessions children are given the opportunity to work as a class, as individuals and as part of a group. The choice of class organisation is determined by the learning task. By its nature MFL will involve lots of interaction with visual, auditory and kinaesthetic prompts.

### **Inclusion**

All KS2 pupils shall have the opportunity to develop MFL capability. The school promotes equal opportunities and fairness of distribution of MFL resources. Children with other languages at home are encouraged to use them for educational benefit and parents are offered advice about what is appropriate. Efforts are made to ensure that languages used at home are highlighted in the classroom once a teacher has been notified.

Groupings for MFL will generally follow the same pattern as for all lessons. It is appropriate to match pairs of equal ability, and it is also appropriate to plan to have peer tutors for some lessons where the objectives also enable the abler user to learn by specifically teaching.

### **Assessment, Recording and Reporting**

Most assessment is formative and is used to support teaching and learning and inform future planning. The MFL teacher assesses the children's progress in the target language based on their achievement of the learning objectives in lessons.

Written MFL work produced is recorded in a designated exercise book and is marked in line with the school policy on marking.

### **Monitoring**

Monitoring is carried out by the head teacher, a member of senior management or the Foundation Subject Curriculum Leader, in the following ways:

- Informal discussion with staff and pupils
- Planning scrutiny
- Work sampling
- Classroom observation