



MFL CONSTRUCT

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." — Frank Smith

Aims and Objectives

As we live in a more diverse and multicultural world, we believe that it is more important than ever for children to learn about and discover other cultures. Learning a new language allows children to gain confidence, knowledge and transferable skills which will help them to progress with languages in further education. As pupils progress, they should be able to express their ideas and thoughts in another language as well as understand and respond to a speaker both in speech and writing. In addition, we aim for our children to develop an appreciation of other cultures and see the cultural differences to their own lives.

The National Curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils in Key Stage 2 understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources. To speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.

At Dowson, we aim to:

- Create a strong foundation for our children to be able to build on as they progress through their school career as well as adult life.
- Develop children's proficiency in Spanish across the four language skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Use a variety of techniques to ensure that pupils with different learning styles have access to lessons.
- Give children the opportunity to learn about different cultures.

What languages look like at Dowson

Creating Interest

At Dowson, languages should begin by creating an interest in other cultures. The children will initially be taught greetings, colours and numbers which creates an interest in the language and an enthusiasm to learn languages.

Speaking and listening

Children will be given the opportunity to speak in another language. Children will be taught about the importance of listening and responding appropriately, linked to our work on oracy, which will help the children to be able to hold a simple conversation in Spanish. These transferable skills will enable our children to practise speaking, listening and discussing respectfully in all subjects.

Reading and Writing

Children will be given the opportunity to appreciate songs, stories, poems and rhymes in Spanish. The children will learn how to create appropriate written responses based on a range of different texts they have read.