

Modern Foreign Languages at Yarm Primary

At Yarm Primary, our intent is to provide children with a broad and balanced curriculum, which builds on their needs and prepares them for the future. We use a project-based approach to provide an engaging and purposeful context for learning where pupils are encouraged to apply the skills and knowledge in a range of subjects. We place emphasis on mastering key skills to provide a solid foundation for lifelong learning.

Within the National Curriculum, the following MFL objectives should be taught at Key Stage 2:

- to listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding*
- to explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words*
- to engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help*
- to speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures*
- to develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases*
- to present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences*
- to read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing*
- to appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language*
- to broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary*
- to write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly*
- to describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing*

Pupils are taught by the class teachers in Years 3, 4 and 5. Year 6 pupils are taught by a Specialist Language Teacher. Wherever possible, transition links are made with our feeder secondary school whereby language teachers visit to take full lessons or invite pupils to take part in their Language events. Last year a successful Pen Pal link was made with former Yarm Primary pupils where they could showcase the skills they have developed at Secondary school and encourage and support the efforts of their primary counterparts.

MFL opportunities are addressed in Key stage 1 through the 'Every minute counts' agenda e.g. answering the register with 'Bonjour', counting to ten in French, opportunities to attend after school French clubs.

The Specialist Language Teacher visits classes throughout the school to deliver taster sessions to encourage the interest of the children in learning a language in a fun manner through songs, games and stories.

To secure the offer we feel our children deserve and better reflect what is captured in curriculum maps, we will work on the following as short term priorities:

- Review the resources across school.
- Look at the existing plans in maps and explore the development of the intent as sequences as opposed to a more episodic approach.
- Promote the display of MFL in shared areas to raise status within the curriculum.

