



Aycliffe Village Primary School

Great oaks from tiny acorns grow



Aycliffe Village Primary School – How do we teach MFL?

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Modern Foreign Languages

Intent:

At Aycliffe Village Primary School, MFL should be fully inclusive to every child. Our aims are to fulfil the requirements of the National Curriculum for MFL, which should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language.

The aims of teaching Modern Foreign Languages in our school are to:

- Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
- 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
- Can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied

Implementation:

To ensure high standards of teaching and learning in MFL, we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout Key Stage Two. MFL is taught in discrete lessons covering at least one unit per term.

The MFL curriculum at Aycliffe Village Primary School is based upon the 2014 Primary National Curriculum in England, which provides a broad framework and outlines the knowledge and skills taught. Teachers plan lessons for their class using our progression of knowledge and skills document. When teaching MFL, teachers should follow the children's interests and real life experiences to ensure their learning is engaging, broad and balanced. Before planning a unit of work, teachers should assess children's prior knowledge and understanding to ensure the work planned is pitched at the correct level. A variety of teaching approaches are used based on the teacher's judgement.

In MFL, skills in speaking, reading and writing another language are developed through a multi-sensory approach such as rhymes, songs, stories and repetition. In Upper Key Stage Two, children begin to develop their understanding of grammar in another language.

Special Educational Needs Disability (SEND) / Pupil Premium / Higher Attainers

All children will have Quality First Teaching. Any children with identified SEND or in receipt of pupil premium funding may have work additional to and different from their peers in order to access the curriculum dependent upon their needs. As well as this, our school offers a demanding and varied curriculum, providing children with a range of opportunities in order for them to reach their full potential and consistently achieve highly from their starting points.

Impact:

Our MFL curriculum is high quality, well thought out and is planned to demonstrate progression. We focus on progression of knowledge and skills and discreet vocabulary progression also form part of the units of work.

We measure the impact of our curriculum through the following methods:

- Observing children speaking and listening in another language
- Marking of written work
- Images and videos of children completing speaking and listening activities
- Interviewing the pupils about their learning (pupil voice)
- Moderation staff meetings where pupil's work is scrutinised and there is the opportunity for a dialogue between teachers to understand their class's work
- Annual reporting of standards across the curriculum to parents
- Learning walks
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The MFL subject leader will continually monitor the impact MFL teaching is having on the children's learning through work scrutinies to ensure the progress of knowledge and skills is being taught. They will also ensure the knowledge taught is retained by the children and continually revisited and that the learners are able to apply the skills they have been taught to a variety of different settings, showing independence with their learning.

In addition to teaching MFL in KS2, we usually offer an after school club for KS1 and KS2 pupils. A specialist MFL teacher delivers activities linked to the national curriculum. This gives children in KS1 an opportunity to learn French from a younger age before beginning lessons in KS2. It also provides additional learning support for KS2 pupils. Children in KS2 can apply their learning during games and activities set by the specialist teacher. **As a result of COVID-19, this service is not currently provided.**