



Modern Foreign Languages Policy

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Intent for Teaching Languages at KS2

- 1.1 As the UK is becoming an increasingly multicultural society, we have a duty to provide our children with an understanding of other cultures and languages. Since 2010, all KS2 children have been learning a language other than English. At Ingol, we believe strongly in the benefit of this and have therefore implemented the teaching of French for all KS2 children (Y3 to Y6).
- 1.2 Learning a language enriches the curriculum, providing excitement, enjoyment and challenge for children and teachers, helping to create enthusiastic learners and to develop positive attitudes to language learning throughout life. The natural links between languages and other areas of the curriculum can enhance the overall teaching and learning experience. The skills, knowledge and understanding gained make a major contribution to the development of children's oracy and literacy and to their understanding of their own culture/s and those of others. Language also lies at the heart of ideas about individual identity and community, and learning another language can do a great deal to shape children's ideas in this critical area as well as giving them a new perspective on their own language.
- 1.3 **Language learning stimulates children's creativity** Children enjoy taking an active part in language lessons. They join in with singing, reciting rhymes and poems, and respond to stories. They create mimes, sketches and role-play, imitating accurate intonation and pronunciation. They play games, take turns, make things, take the role of the teacher and experiment creatively with language.
- 1.4 **Language learning supports oracy and literacy** Children spend much of their time in language lessons speaking, listening and interacting - more than in most other subjects. They take part in role-plays, conversations and question and answer work, sing songs and recite, perform to an audience and respond to a wide range of aural stimuli. This emphasis on communication, including language learning's important role in the 'education of the ear', underpins children's capabilities in oracy, which is critical to effective communication as well as a key foundation for literacy.
- 1.5 **Language learning leads to gains across the curriculum** Children approach a broad range of learning activities in a new and challenging context; these relate to mother tongue literacy, to mathematics and other subject areas such as geography, music and citizenship. This can lead to deep learning

and significant gains in their general understanding as they recycle and reinterpret existing knowledge. Through the conscious development of language learning they are also learning how to learn.

1.6 **Language learning supports and celebrates the international dimension**

Although it enjoys much more linguistic diversity than in the past, England remains a place where the motivation to learn another language is affected by the position of English as a widely spoken, world language. This makes it even more important that we give all children the chance to learn a language in order to gain insights into their own lives and those of others around the world. They need the chance to make contact with people in other countries and cultures and to reflect upon their own cultural identities and those of other people.

2 Our **intent** for teaching MFL is for children to:

- foster an interest in learning another language;
- become aware that language has a structure, and that this structure differs from one language to another;
- develop speaking and listening skills.
- gain enjoyment, pride and a sense of achievement;
- explore and apply strategies to improve their learning;
- explore their own cultural identities and those of others.

3 Teaching and learning styles and procedures

3.1 At Ingol Primary School, we will use a variety of teaching and learning styles in our MFL lessons. Our principal intent is to develop children's knowledge, skills, and understanding. Children will have the opportunity to support their work with a variety of resources. We intend to have a balance of whole class, group and independent learning. Wherever possible we encourage children to use and apply their learning in other areas of the curriculum; ICT, PE and Music, for example, are particularly appropriate for cross-curricular teaching.

3.2 Our chosen language for KS2 is French, based on popularity of choice at KS3, staff knowledge and availability of quality resources including links with local High Schools.

3.3 The lessons are to be delivered by the class teacher, higher level teaching assistant or PPA cover teacher, with support from the MFL Subject Leader.

3.4 KS2 children are entitled to at least 30 minutes of MFL teaching a week (**with follow-on activities to be included throughout the week**) which will follow the Ingol MFL Scheme of Work and therefore a set progression.

3.5 Recommended resources are Language Angels and Lightbulb Languages. This provides a programme of study with clear learning objectives, expectations and outcomes. Ingol are currently following the Language Angel's scheme of work which has been adapted by the subject leader to suit the learning needs of KS2 pupils.

3.6 Lesson Content:

The French lessons are to include:

- a. learning French vocabulary
 - b. asking and answering questions
 - c. using bilingual dictionaries
 - d. teaching of basic French grammar and spelling patterns
 - e. playing games and learning songs
 - f. using language that has been taught in role play situations
 - g. researching and learning about life in France
 - h. beginning to write phrases and sentences
- French will be included in whole school occasions e.g. Christmas celebrations and Summer plays.
 - French will be used in displays that relate to the children's learning.
 - Languages other than French may be used within individual classes and topics, but French will be the main, assessed language.
 - Each year there will be a whole school 'French Day' to coincide with National language's week. This will allow children to celebrate the country 'France', its culture and language.

3.7 For more information on pedagogy including progression, differentiation, ICT and use of the target language, see:

http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/languages/languages_guidance/1209633/1209663

4 MFL curriculum planning

4.1 One hour of MFL teaching a week is a statutory National Curriculum requirement for KS2 children. We will use the KS2 Languages Framework as the basis for implementing the requirements of the programme of study for MFL and the Ingol's MFL Scheme of Work. See:

http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/languages/languages_guidance/1209633/1209659

4.2 We will carry out the curriculum planning in MFL in three phases (long-term, medium-term and short-term). Ingol's MFL Scheme of work is based on the KS2 Languages Framework and outlines what we teach in the long-term.

4.3 Our medium-term plans, which we will also base on the Framework, give details of the main teaching objectives for each term. These plans define what we teach, and ensure an appropriate balance and distribution of work across each term. The subject leader is responsible for keeping and reviewing these plans.

4.4 KS2 class teachers follow the Language Angel's scheme of work (revised) and weekly (short-term) plans for the teaching of MFL. These list the specific learning objectives and expected outcomes for each lesson, and gives details of how the lessons are to be taught.

6 MFL and Inclusion

In all classes children have a wide range of abilities, and we seek to provide suitable learning opportunities for all children by matching the challenge of the task to the ability of the child. MFL is a highly inclusive subject, however, and despite our principal intent of developing children's knowledge, skills, and understanding, the initial focus will be on enjoyment. At our school we will teach MFL to all KS2 children, whatever their ability and individual needs. MFL forms part of the school curriculum policy to provide a broad and balanced education to all children. Through our MFL teaching we provide learning opportunities that enable all pupils to make good progress. We strive hard to meet the needs of those pupils with special educational needs, those with disabilities, those with special gifts and talents, and those learning English as an additional language (EAL), and we take all reasonable steps to achieve this. For more information on inclusion in MFL, see:

http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary/publications/languages/languages_guidance/1209633/1209685

7 Links outside school

We enable all pupils to have access to the full range of activities involved in learning MFL. Where children are to participate in activities outside the classroom (a theatre trip or visit to an MFL department in a secondary school, for example) we carry out a risk assessment prior to the activity, to ensure that the activity is safe and appropriate for all pupils.

8 Assessment for learning

8.1 Teachers continuously assess children's work in MFL. The short-term assessments that teachers make as part of every lesson help them to adjust their weekly plans. They are also assessed at the end of each unit on reading, writing, listening and speaking. Written or verbal feedback is given to help guide children's

progress. Older children are encouraged to make judgements about how they can improve their own work.

- 8.2 Teachers use these short-term assessments to measure progress against the key objectives, and to help them plan for the next unit of work.
- 8.3 Teachers make long-term assessments towards the end of the school year. With the help of these long-term assessments they are able to set targets for the next school year, and to summarise the progress of each child before reporting it to child's parents. The next teacher then uses these long-term assessments and the evidence in their folders as the planning basis for the new school year.
- 8.4 The subject leader will keep samples of children's work in a portfolio including end of unit assessments. This demonstrates what the expected level of achievement is in MFL in each year of KS2.
- 8.5 Staff are keen to improve their subject knowledge and the subject leader takes an active role in disseminating best practice and making recommendations for staff development.

9 Resources

There is a range of resources to support the teaching of MFL across the School. There is a set of Oxford French dictionaries in each KS2 classroom.

10 Monitoring and review

- 10.1 Monitoring of the standards of children's work and the quality of teaching in MFL is the responsibility of subject leader, supported by the headteacher and colleagues from the LA. The work of the subject leader also involves supporting colleagues in their teaching, being informed about current developments in the subject, and providing a strategic lead and direction for MFL in the school. The leader may have specially-allocated regular management time in which to review samples of the children's work and to undertake lesson observations of MFL teaching across the school. The named governor responsible for MFL meets regularly with the subject leader in order to review progress.
- 10.2 This policy will be reviewed every year.

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