

Modern Foreign Languages

The school's modern foreign languages work develops three aspects:

- a) Oracy, children's ability to speak in different languages
- b) Literacy, children's ability to read and write in different languages
- c) Intercultural understanding, children's understanding and appreciation of different cultures

Every KS2 class has 30 minutes teaching each week by an MFL teacher, and there is additional teaching by the children's class teacher equivalent to at least 30 minutes per week. The MFL teacher particularly focuses on the development of French language skills, and on building a knowledge of French culture using a range of teaching methods including games, role play and the use of ICT.

KS1 children have short but regular oracy activities as well as a range of cultural opportunities. These may include activities such as:

China day

Indian dancing

The school holds a European Day of Languages event each year in which children experience a range of cultural activities.

A particular strength of the school is its work on intercultural understanding. The school has a strong link with a school in Tanzania. Teachers from Tanzania spend two weeks in our school every year sharing their language and culture. The school places great importance on global education with all teachers, teaching assistants and governors receiving training. Every teacher has had the opportunity to experience a visit to a school in another country funded by the school.

Every child regardless of gender, race or ability has full access to our MFL programme.

Additional sessions are run to meet the needs of more able children.