

Ludgershall Castle Primary School

Modern Foreign Languages Policy (2023)



Why study a Modern Foreign Language (MFL)?

Learning a foreign language provides an insight into the wider world through an understanding of other cultures. A high-quality language education should seek to develop pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for pupils to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking, investigate French culture and read a range of primary texts. Language teaching should provide a foundation for learning further languages.

Ludgershall Castle Primary School and Modern Foreign Languages

Ludgershall Castle Primary School will teach and provide all pupils with the knowledge and understanding of at least one foreign language over their time with us. Language teaching at Ludgershall Castle Primary is all inclusive, with no child being excluded by learning difficulties or because they have English as an additional language.

Modern Foreign Languages at Ludgershall Castle Primary School aims to:

- ★ Enrich learning for all pupils
- ★ Develop and refine speaking and listening skills
- ★ Foster an interest in other languages and understand similarities and differences between them, including its structure and 'make up'
- ★ Foster an interest in other cultures and understand similarities and differences between them
- ★ Develop awareness of cultural diversities across countries and prevent discrimination
- ★ Lay the foundation for future learning and life beyond school

To achieve these aims, pupils will be encouraged to:

- ★ Listen carefully, follow and imitate new sounds
- ★ Develop an awareness for correct pronunciation
- ★ Ask and answer questions
- ★ Learn about life in other cultures
- ★ Effectively memorise words
- ★ Understand the importance of context
- ★ Use correct punctuation and grammar
- ★ Understand and apply basic grammatical concepts
- ★ Use bilingual dictionaries and resources

Teaching and Learning

To enhance the teaching and learning experience, the Modern Foreign Languages curriculum is delivered in a variety of exciting ways which encourage pupils to have an active engagement with their learning. Pupils are encouraged to 'Learn, Have Fun and Succeed' using a range of multisensory and kinaesthetic activities, including participation in song, conversation, stories and role play. As a result, pupils develop confidence and self-esteem through praise, with reinforcement by means of school rewards.

Using the skills and knowledge learnt, pupils will then be able to:

- ★ Describe the life of pupils in the countries where the language is spoken
- ★ Identify similarities and differences in everyday life where the language is spoken
- ★ Recognise and avoid stereotypes, understand and respect cultural diversity

Organisation and cross-curricular links

Currently, Modern Foreign Languages at Ludgershall Castle Primary school is taught to all KS2 pupils through the Language Angels Scheme. As a statutory requirement for the 2014 National Curriculum in KS2, all pupils are taught a modern foreign language throughout the school year.

Additionally, Modern Foreign Languages has cross-curricular opportunities. Pupils practise and enhance their foreign language knowledge and skills. e.g. during Music or Geography lessons. The aim is to encourage pupils to respond using the skills and language they have learnt in a stress-free environment.

Scheme of Work and Assessment

Pupils are taught and immersed in the language, using a wide range of resources. These include:

- ★ Language Angels - The French language scheme

Additional resources to complement:

- ★ BBC Primary Languages
- ★ Sing Up
- ★ International Day of Languages
- ★ Close working relationship with the local secondary school to support MFL knowledge between transition

Assessment

Pupil progress is informally assessed during the lessons through both writing and oracy. Informal assessment is used to inform planning for future lessons. Strategies to assess include, quizzes, use of whiteboards, informal games and following the sequenced planning provided by Language Angels.

Learning ladders follow the National Curriculum objectives for MFL and the progression between LKS2 and UKS2. Please see appendix for ladders.

The Modern Foreign Languages subject leader monitors the progress of pupils learning through conversation, observation and curriculum walks.

Professional Development for Modern Foreign Languages

The subject leader is requested to attend regular cluster meetings throughout the year.

Adults teaching languages at Ludgershall Castle Primary School have opportunities to attend any reasonable training offered in order to enhance and support language development throughout the school.

Monitoring and review

The MFL coordinator carries out monitoring in the following ways:

- Discussions with Headteacher, staff and pupils
- Looking at work in individual books and discussion with pupils
- Learning walks
- Providing an annual report to the Governor responsible for MFL
- Ascertaining strengths and weaknesses for further improvement

There is a review of this policy by the MFL coordinator every 3 years