

Subject Overview for Modern Foreign Languages.

At Hucklow Primary School we consider it very important that every child in Key Stage 2 should be able to access to high quality language teaching during their school life.

The National Curriculum states:

“Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education 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. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.”

In line with the Fir Vale family of schools Modern Foreign Languages policy and the Primary MFL Programme of study, the key elements of language learning are:

- it is inclusive
- it is taught as a coherent programme from Year 3 to Year 6
- it is part of a broader curriculum involving language and culture
- it is expected that pupils reach recognised levels of achievement

Our aims reflect those detailed in the new Primary Languages Programme of Study and seek to ensure that all pupils:

- 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;
- and discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

Pupils actively participate in a weekly Spanish lesson that is provided by our specialist Spanish teacher, Reshma Kachra who delivers Spanish across the family of schools. The lessons range from 30 to 45 minutes depending on the year group. At our family of schools, Spanish forms part of the school curriculum policy to provide a broad and balanced education to all children. Through our modern foreign language teaching we provide engaging and interactive learning opportunities that enable all pupils to make progress and continue with their language learning when they are at Secondary School. We do this by setting suitable learning challenges and responding to each child’s needs. Speaking and listening assessments are carried out informally during lessons through natural observation whereas, reading and writing assessments are carried out formally. Both are recorded to show progress and attainments against the objectives for each year group.