

MFL Curriculum Statement

MFL Intent

The intention of the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) curriculum at Whitefield Primary School is that children are taught to develop an interest in learning other languages in a way that is enjoyable and stimulating.



From 2020/2021 we aim to encourage children's confidence and creative skills through the teaching of Spanish. Prior to this, children in KS2 were taught French, however we felt that there was a stronger link to the teaching of Spanish within the local high schools. Whatever the language taught, we strive to stimulate and encourage children's curiosity about all languages. At Whitefield, there are 27 different languages spoken and so it is vital that we help children develop their awareness of cultural differences. We aim to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills necessary to enable children to use and apply their Spanish learning in a variety of contexts and lay the foundations for future language learning.

MFL Implementation

- Our MFL curriculum is designed to progressively develop children's skills in languages, through weekly taught lessons in KS2.
- In KS1, children take part in regular fun activities, games and songs to help them to develop awareness of basic Spanish words and phrases.
- Teachers deliver MFL lesson supported by planning by the Primary Languages network.
- Children have access to an online learning platform called Linguascope.
- In 2020/21 all KS2 children will begin their learning of Stage 1 Spanish (outlined in PLN)
- Children progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around topics.
- Children are encouraged and supported to develop their speaking and listening skills through conversational work, singing activities and games.
- As confidence and skill grows, children record their work through a range of tailored activities to ensure that all children can access the MFL curriculum that is outlined in the National Curriculum.

MFL Impact

The learning of Spanish has only just begun at Whitefield and so will take time to embed. Through the use of planning supported by the Primary Languages Network we aim to ensure that eventually children are accessing work at age related expectations. They will be able to recognise and apply key vocabulary within conversations and will be challenged in a range of speaking and listening, reading and writing activities.