

Curriculum Progression in Modern Foreign Languages

National Curriculum	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.	Listen attentively to a range of simple phrases or stories, showing understanding through joining in and responding. Listen to and accurately repeat specific phonemes in songs and rhymes and begin to make links to spellings.	Listen attentively to a range of simple phrases or stories, showing understanding through joining in and responding. Listen to and accurately repeat specific phonemes in songs and rhymes and begin to make links to spellings. Notice that the target language may contain different phonemes (e.g. rr, j (h)) and that some similar sounds may be spelled differently to English.	Gain an overall understanding of an extended spoken text which includes some familiar language, for example, summarising in English the key points of what he/she has heard in the target language. Identify different ways to spell key sounds and select the correct spelling of a familiar word.	Understand longer and more challenging texts on a range of topic areas, recognising some details and opinions heard. Apply knowledge of phonemes and spellings to attempt the reading of unfamiliar words.
Speaking Engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help. Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases. Present ideas and information orally to	Ask and answer simple questions. Repeat sentences heard and make simple adaptations to them. Use mostly accurate pronunciation and speak clearly when addressing an audience.	Ask and answer a range of questions on different topic areas. Use familiar sentences as models, making varied adaptations to create new sentences. Read aloud using accurate pronunciation and present a short, learned piece for performance.	Remember and recall a range of vocabulary with increased knowledge, confidence and spontaneity. Adapt known complex sentences to reflect a variation in meaning. Begin to use intonation to differentiate between sentence types, e.g. questions vs statements.	Engage in conversations, asking for clarification when necessary. Speak in sentences using knowledge of basic sentence structure. Use pronunciation and intonation effectively to accurately express meaning and engage an audience.
a range of audiences. Reading Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language. Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.	Read some familiar words using mostly accurate pronunciation. Read carefully and recognise new words in simple writing. Read carefully and recognise familiar words in simple writing.	Show understanding of a range of familiar written phrases, showing understanding by joining in/responding. Read carefully and show understanding of new words in familiar writing, for example songs, poems and rhymes.	Read aloud and understand a short text containing mostly familiar language, using fairly accurate pronunciation. Learn a song or poem using the written text for support. Use dictionaries to extend vocabulary on a given topic and develop his/her ability to use different strategies to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Read aloud and understand a short text containing some unfamiliar words, using accurate pronunciation. Use vocabulary learnt from reading in different contexts and use dictionaries to find a wide range of words.

Writing Write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to	Write some single words from memory. Use simple adjectives such as colours and sizes to describe things.	Write words and short phrases from memory.	Write phrases and some simple sentences from memory and write a short text such as an email/letter with	Write a range of phrases and sentences from memory.
express ideas clearly.	Record descriptive sentences using a	Use a wider range of adjectives to describe things in more detail, e.g.	support from a word/phrase bank.	Adapt phrases to create new sentences.
Describe people, places, things and actions, orally and in writing.	word bank or writing frame.	describing someone's appearance.	Use a wide range of adjectives to describe people and things, and use	Select appropriate adjectives to describe a range of things, people and places and
		Write descriptive sentences using a model but beginning to use some words from memory.	different verbs to describe actions.	appropriate verbs to describe actions.
Grammar	Start to understand that nouns may have	Better understand the concept of gender	Understand better the rules of	Consolidate understanding of gender
Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine	different genders and recognise clues to identify this, e.g. articles.	and which articles to use for meaning (EG: 'the', 'a' or 'some').	adjectival agreement and possessive adjectives.	and nouns, use of the negative, adjectival agreement and possessive adjectives (EG:
and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to	Have knowledge and recall of 1 st person singular of high frequency verbs.	Introduce simple adjectival agreement (EG: adjectival agreement when describing nationality).	Start to explore full verb conjugation (EG: 'I wear', 'he/she wears'	which subjects I like at school and also which subjects I do not like).
apply these to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.		Introduce the negative form and possessive adjectives. EG: 'In my pencil	Begin to use conjunctions.	Become familiar with a wider range of conjunctions.
		case I have' or 'In my pencil case I do not have'.		Become more confident with conjugating irregular high frequency verbs.
				Understand how to express opinions.

Revisiting vocabulary and grammar

Due to the nature of learning a foreign language, there will be a high level of revisiting vocabulary and grammar points in every lesson in order to consolidate learning and reactivate prior knowledge.

Examples of high frequency vocabulary (by topic):

Greetings

Numbers

Colours

High frequency verbs in the present tense (ser – to be, tener – to have, llamarse – to be called, vivir - to live)

Development of SMSC

Many activities and subjects within MFL lend themselves to the development of cultural awareness and SMSC. These are sometimes stand alone lessons or short activities within lessons.