

Holy Cross RC Primary School



Modern Foreign Languages Policy

Signed _____ [Headteacher] Date September 2025

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Introduction:

This policy outlines the teaching, organisation and management of Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) taught and learnt at Holy Cross Primary School. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of teaching staff, monitoring and review rests with the MFL subject lead.

Modern Foreign Language Intent:

Modern Foreign Languages promote an interest and curiosity about the wider world and a sense of European/International Identity. Languages raise children's awareness of being a global citizen.

The skills, knowledge and understanding gained through learning a new language make a major contribution to the development of children's oracy and literacy and to their understanding of their own and others' culture. Language lies at the heart of ideas about individual identity and community, and learning another language can do a great deal to shape children's ideas about the World.

Modern Foreign Language Implementation:

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School we make Modern Foreign Languages an enjoyable learning experience. Children develop their language skills through techniques to encourage children to engage actively, these include: rhymes, stories, role-play, games and songs (and action songs), with written activities to reinforce and extend language. We use the Primary Languages Network (PLN) to be able to establish effective "primary" focused foreign language teaching programmes which every child across the school can easily access.

At Holy Cross Primary we teach Spanish as a number of staff have some knowledge of it, and it is the second most spoken language in the world. We base the teaching on the Primary Languages Network (PLN) to be able to establish effective "primary" focused foreign language teaching programmes which every child across the school can easily access. PLN scheme's of Work is based on the KS2 Framework for Languages.

Modern Foreign Language Impact:

The impact of this curriculum design is to promote an interest and curiosity about the wider world and a sense of European/International Identity. Languages raise children's awareness of being a global citizen. The aims of Modern Foreign Language teaching are to enable all children to:

- Develop an enthusiasm and foster an interest for learning languages and to become aware of the benefits of understanding and speaking different languages;
- Communicate in other languages by speaking and listening, reading and writing;
- Respect and develop an awareness of cultural difference and similarities in other countries
- Become involved in the International Dimension of the school through the development of links with other countries;
- Develop speaking and listening skills
- Lay foundations for future study for KS3

Timetabling:

Children in the EYFS are introduced to colours, numbers, weather and other basic language.

All children from Key Stage 2 have up to one hour of Spanish every fortnight. The children are taught Spanish in their class groups and lessons are delivered by a PPA teacher as an independent 1 hour lesson.

We follow the scheme of work on the PLN as shown below:

Stage 1 – Year 3

Stage 2 – Year 4

Stage 3 – Year 5

Stage 4 – Year 6

Term	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
	A new start	Welcome to school Super learners	My school, my subject	Everyday life
Autumn 1				
Autumn 2	The calendar and celebrations	My local area, your local area	Time in the city	Where I live, where you live
				
Spring 1	Animals I like and don't like	Family tree and faces	Healthy eating - going to market	Playing and enjoying sport
				
Spring 2	Carnival and playground games	Celebrating carnival / body parts	Clothes, colours, fashions show	At the funfair, my favourite things
				
Summer 1	Breakfast, fruit nouns, hungry giant	Feeling unwell / Jungle animals	Out of this world	Cafe culture and restaurants
				
Summer 2	Going on a picnic / Aliens in Spain	The weather / Ice cream	At the seaside	Performance time / Transition to KS3
				

Children across the School also have opportunities to access a range of MFL through our after-school club provision. The KS2 after school club provision is taught by Mrs Sanchez.

Wider Curriculum links:

Every year we hold an International Week, the children take part in a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, music, research tasks, cookery and learning playground games from all around the world. We theme the week around current events such as European Championships, World Cups and the languages we speak in our school.

Role of the MFL Subject Lead

- Lead the development of Modern Foreign Languages in the school.
- Provide guidance to individual members of staff.
- Keep up to date with local and national developments in Modern Foreign Language.
- Teaching and disseminate relevant information
- Review the position and use of Modern Foreign Language resources and regularly.
- Update staff on new resources, ideas, materials etc.
- Review and monitor the success and progress of the planned units of work be responsible for the organisation and maintenance of MFL resources.
- Ensure the correct record keeping of MFL lessons in KS2.

