

Modern Foreign Language Statement

At Menston Primary School, we aim to offer a modern foreign language curriculum that develops a positive attitude to modern foreign language learning from a young age. This seeks to reinforce the links between learning a modern foreign language and developing a child's overall literacy capability. We are committed to embracing an inclusive approach to language learning that accommodates a range of learning styles and abilities. Our language curriculum has a focus upon developing children's insight and understanding of the value and beliefs of people who live in cultures different to their own. We use cross curricular as well as specialist teaching approaches to facilitate the teaching and learning of modern foreign languages.

Key Stage 1 children using French greetings and having a conversation



We aim for our children to be able to communicate in a modern foreign language.

At Menston Primary School, children will undertake a programme of study, which incrementally develops their confidence and ability to:

- Communicate in another language through interaction and communication with their peers and more knowledgeable others. For example; through conversation, asking and answering questions or expressing opinion.
- Explore the patterns and sounds of languages through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.
- Develop a vocabulary of words, phrases and sentences that demonstrate their growing understanding of basic language structures.

- Develop a level of understanding and intonation which facilitates the understanding of others when they speak or read aloud.
- Present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.
- Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in another language.
- Write phrases from memory to create new sentences and express their ideas.



Year 2 children learning a foreign language through movement, stories and music.

Year 3 children writing and reading aloud sentences and phrases.



Year 4 children using role play to have meaningful conversations in a foreign language.



Year 6 children presenting ideas to an audience in a foreign language.

At Menston Primary School, we believe that second language learning can lead not only to a greater understanding of national and global issues but prepare children and young people to capitalize upon learning and employment opportunities in the future. A central aim of our curriculum at Menston Primary School is to engender a life long interest in language learning and an appreciation of the role of languages in our society.

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