

Progression of Skills

Modern Foreign Languages



Key Stage 2 National Curriculum

Pupils should be taught to:

- 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
- 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 a range of audiences
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- describe people, places, things and actions orally* and in writing
- understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English

Skill	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening	Repeat words modelled by teacher and show understanding with an action	Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding (e.g. with an action)	Begin to show understanding of more complex sentences in 'authentic' conversation, picking out	Listen to and show understanding of more complex sentences in 'authentic' conversation, picking out specific
	Children can understand and respond to a few familiar spoken words and short phrases, spoken slowly and clearly.	Pick out known words in an 'authentic' conversation Children can understand and respond to a range of familiar spoken words and short phrases.	specific vocabulary Children can understand the main points of a short spoken passage made up of a few familiar words and phrases, delivered slowly and clearly.	vocabulary Children can understand a short passage made up of familiar words and basic phrases.

Speaking	Learn specific vocabulary; develop accuracy in pronunciation by listening to and repeating recordings of authentic speakers Recognise a familiar question and respond with a simple rehearsed response Can repeat and say familiar words and short simple phrases, using understandable pronunciation.	Use common phrases Develop accuracy when pronouncing phrases, by listening to and repeating recordings of authentic speakers Children can and perform short role plays on one topic, with several exchanges and secure pronunciation. Children can produce short preprepared phrases on a familiar topic, with secure pronunciation.	Children can ask and answer questions on the current topic. Can produce some short phrases independently (without written support) within a familiar topic, with good pronunciation.	Engage in short scripted conversations Speaking in longer sentences, learning to use particular sentence structures more flexibly to create own sentence Children can ask and answer simple questions on a few very familiar topics.
Writing	Copy simple vocabulary Children can write some single words from memory, with plausible spelling. Children can, with support, substitute one element in a simple phrase to vary the meaning.	Children can write simple words and several short phrases from memory Children use understandable spelling.	Begin to use dictionaries to find the meaning of unknown words and to translate own ideas Children can write words, phrases and short simple sentences from his/her repertoire from memory with understandable spelling.	Adapt taught phrases to create new sentences Children can write a short, simple text from memory, using simple sentences from one familiar topic with reasonable spelling
Reading	Begin to recognise written vocabulary/ single words Begin to recognise written phrases	Begin to recognise simple written phrases Recognise simple written phrases and understand a range of familiar written phrases.	Read and show understanding of more complex written phrases Read and show understanding of a piece of writing based on the current topic	Practice reading longer texts aloud, containing taught phrases and vocabulary Children can understand a short text made up of short sentences with familiar language on a familiar topic.

			Read short passages and pull answer questions on what they have read.	Can use a dictionary or word list.
Grammar	Can use indefinite articles in the singular with masculine and feminine nouns. Can use the high-frequency verb forms (I have,it is, there is/are).	Can use indefinite and definite articles with singular and plural nouns. Can use prepositions of place and sequencers.	Can use all persons of several regular verbs in the present tense (with the support of a frame).	Can use high-frequency verb forms, nouns, articles and adjectives to form simple sentences.