



Pupils at Firs Primary School come from a diverse range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Over 30 languages are spoken at the school and most pupils are learning English as a second language. Many pupils are New to English. Our approach to the teaching of MFL aims to ensure that pupils attribute equal importance to all languages and see the learning of additional languages as a desirable skill regardless of their current skill and level of experience.

MFL in EYFS and Key Stage 1

Although the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages is not statutory in the Early Years and KS1, we include opportunities for developing awareness of the languages within the school community and wider world through the teaching of simple songs, rhymes, games and greetings in different languages. These are linked to our topic work where appropriate.

MFL in Key Stage 2

The MFL teaching in KS2 is based on the Discovering Language Project carried out by the Association of School and College Leaders. As well as teaching a range of languages from different language families, it includes non-language specific modules which aim to develop children's awareness of the history and purpose of language, grammatical structures and spelling patterns, similarities and differences between languages. The language specific modules also include a focus on learning about the culture in the countries of the languages studied.

Years 3 and 4

The languages studied in Year 3 and 4 are:

- German (Early Start Languages)
- Latin (Minimus)
- Slovak—half term
- Roma (Firs Scheme) - 2 x half terms

In addition the children will also study the following generic language modules:

- Language and Communication; an active introduction to language learning
- Our First Words; first language steps

Year 5

The languages studied in Year 5 are:

- Spanish (Early Start Languages)
- Roma (Firs Scheme) - 1 x half term

In addition the children will also study the following generic language module:

- Words are Cool; origins of the English language, grammatical structures and gender in language, English as a global language

Year 6

The language studied in Year 6 is:

- Russian (Early Start Languages)

In addition the children will also study the following generic language module:

- The Story of Writing; The history of writing and development of different writing systems across the world.

Delivery

With the exception of Russian, which is taught by a Russian speaking TA, with a TRFL qualification, MFL will always be taught by a teacher. MFL teaching also supports the learning of English and links are made to SPaG teaching where appropriate.