**MFL POLICY**

The Grove School has been providing pupils with Modern Foreign Language teaching for a number of years. Language learning is beneficial to children as it is not only teaches them another language but also makes them more aware of their own language. Foreign language learning gives children insight into different cultures and a wider view of the world in which they live.

EAL services are used to support those children at The Grove who do not have English as their first language and we enjoy sharing cultural and linguistic differences within the School.

**Government requirements**

The Government will now make Modern Foreign Languages a statutory subject from Key Stage 2 from September 2014.

**Modern Foreign Language provision at our School**

Foundation and Key Stage 1

Spanish is taught to all classes in this stage by a specialist teacher for one session per week. This has been part of the curriculum since 2010.

Reception are taught for 20 minutes, year 1 for 30 minutes and year 2 for 45 minutes. Children are taught through fun activities, games, stories and songs. There is a lot of repetition to reinforce the sounds of this new language. Children learn basic greetings, numbers and colours in the foundation stage, moving on to animals, months, days of the week and sports/hobbies in Key Stage 1

Key stage 2

French has been part of The Grove’s curriculum for many years. All of Key Stage 2 are taught for one session per week by a specialist teacher. Sessions are 30 minutes for Years 3 and 4 and 45 minutes for Years 5 and 6. Class teachers reinforce any new learning throughout the week where possible, for example, by encouraging children to answer the register in the target language, greeting and the use of praise. References to vocabulary learned in language lessons are reinforced through other areas of the curriculum (for example, numbers in numeracy lessons/colours during art activities and so on).

The phonics approach is used and focus is on acquiring skills rather than on content. Lessons are taught in a lively, challenging way through games, songs, rhymes and stories which is intended to enhance childrens speaking and reading skills through learning the sounds of the language. The School has links with the local secondary school, KEVICC. This facilitates the transition into Year 7 as the approach used compliments the MFL teaching in Key Stage 3.

Spanish Club

Children in Key Stage 2 are offered the opportunity to continue their Spanish through a Spanish Club.

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