**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 their class teacher every week. This has been part of the curriculum since 2010. Children learn Spanish in the younger years as phonetically the approach is very similar to English.

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 French each week. Children in the older classes learn French as France is our nearest neighbour and so that they have experienced two MFLs before they leave primary school.

The phonics approach is used and focus is on acquiring skills rather than on content. Languages are taught in a lively, challenging way through games, songs, rhymes and stories which is intended to enhance children’s speaking and reading skills through learning the sounds of the language.

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