



Indian Queens School

Subject: Modern Foreign Languages

Subject Intent

According to the famous author John le Carré, "...to learn a language is an act of friendship. It is an outstretched hand."

We believe that learning languages gives children a new perspective on the world and encourages them to understand their own values as well as those of others. It helps them to develop communication skills - including key skills of speaking and listening and extends their knowledge of how language works: 'Those who know nothing of foreign languages know nothing of their own,' Goethe.

In addition to discrete lessons taught by a language expert, our teachers promote the concept of modern foreign languages by encouraging children to use their language skills in a range of different activities, for example whilst taking the register; with greetings and farewells; using please and thank you; countdowns etc.

As a result of this, children will be able to:

- understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
- speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
- write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the languages studied.

Subject Implementation

National Curriculum Programmes of Study

The teaching will provide an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and should lay the foundations for further foreign language teaching at key stage 3. It should enable pupils to understand and communicate ideas, facts and feelings in speech and writing, focused on familiar and routine matters, using their knowledge of phonology, grammatical structures and vocabulary. The focus of study in modern languages will be on practical communication, speaking in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. Children will be encouraged to develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases.

To reflect the increasing popularity of and interest in South America, Indian Queens School has decided to shift its MFL focus to learning Spanish as the primary language, with French as a subsidiary language. In the academic year 2021/22, Years 3 and 4 will be taught Spanish only. Years 5 & 6 will be taught Spanish in the Autumn Term to consolidate their learning during 2020/21 and will re-visit French in the Spring and Summer Terms. This will ensure that by the end of Year 6, the majority of children will be able to hold “mini-conversations” in both Spanish and French and act out a role play, preparing them well for moving on to their KS3 language learning.

In their first year of learning Spanish, the children learn all of the elements required to hold a “mini-conversation”, including greetings, asking & answering how someone is, names, ages and farewells. Throughout their language learning journey, they will build on this foundation, incorporating details and opinions about pets, family, where they live, what they like to do in their free time and what foods they like; learning to talk about the weather, seasons and dates.

In addition to practical communication, there will be opportunities to explore cultural aspects of the Spanish-speaking world; broadening our horizons beyond Spain and Europe, to include South America.

	First Year of Spanish learning	Second Year of Spanish learning	Third Year of Spanish learning	Fourth Year of Spanish learning
	Hola, ¿Que tal? Greetings Vamos a contar Numbers Los colores Colours En mi estuche At school Mi bandera My flag	El parque de animales. Animals ¿A que fecha estamos? Dates ¿Tienes hambre? Food ¿Que tiempo hace? The weather El Cuerpo The body	Numeros grandes Large numbers Los planetas The planets Describimos Descriptions ¿Jugamos el futbol? Sport ¿Que hora es? The time	En mi pueblo My town Me duele At the doctors Mi familia y yo My family and me ¿Como llego hasta ahi? Directions Ponte tu ropa Clothes