

# **Attenborough School**

## **Modern Foreign Languages Policy**

### **1. Introduction**

As part of the new programme of study in the Primary National Curriculum 2014, learning a modern foreign language (MFL) has become a statutory requirement for children in KS2. In our school we have for many years taught German to all children from FS2 to Year 4 as part of our school curriculum.

The AttenboroughSchool MFL policy is also to be read in conjunction with the following guidance produced by the SCE MFL Team

- i. SCE Framework for Primary Languages 2014
- ii. SCE Language Skills Progression 2014

### **2. Aims and Objectives**

Our aims and objectives of teaching German are that children will:

- Gain as much as possible from their time living in Germany
- Foster curiosity, pleasure and an interest in learning foreign languages
- Experience enjoyment, pride and a sense of achievement
- Make good progress, increasing their skills as they move through school
- Be aware that languages have different structures
- Develop an interest in, and respect for, local customs, festivals and traditions
- Explore their own cultural identities and those of others
- Develop confidence and speaking and listening skills
- Use, celebrate and extend their bilingual skills.

### **3. Organisation**

#### **FS2**

German is taught by the class teachers through the phrase of the week, and puppets. In addition, topic specific games and songs are also taught as are the main German cultural festivals. Phrase of the week is also delivered once a week during whole school assembly and consolidated in class.

#### **KS1**

German is taught by an Area Foreign Language Coordinator who visits the school twice a week and consolidated by the class teacher. KS1 are taught through the 'Learn German with Felix and Franz' scheme of work. Each class from Y1 and Y2 has one lesson per week with the AFLC and also additional time revisiting with the class teacher. Phrase of the week is also delivered once a week during whole school assembly and consolidated in class.

## **KS2**

German is taught by an Area Foreign Language Coordinator through the 'Early Start' scheme. Each KS2 teacher delivers a follow up session in order to embed the language taught. Phrase of the week is also delivered once a week during whole school assembly and consolidated in class.

### **Phrase of the Week**

This initiative brings German language use into the school day. A new short phrase is introduced or recapped every week. Teaching and support staff use these phrases in lessons and break times in order to embed their use in appropriate contexts.

## **4. Curriculum**

The curriculum is based on the Program of Study for MFL in the Primary National Curriculum 2014 using the schemes 'Learn German with Felix and Franzi' at KS1 and 'Early Start'. Children are taught to ask and answer questions using correct pronunciation and accent. They memorise words and sentences. They play games, learn songs and rhymes and listen to short stories. They also learn about life in the local German community and study its festivals and celebrations. Children in KS2 are also taught to read and write German.

## **5. Teaching and Learning Style**

The children are encouraged to take an active part in the lessons, joining in songs and rhymes and speaking as much as possible in the target language. We cater for different styles by using a multi-sensory approach, introducing movements and actions as much as possible to help to reinforce the words taught. Children are praised for their efforts to build up their confidence in speaking. In KS1 and FS2 bilingual children enjoy the status of 'language experts' and their skills are shared with the whole class.

## **6. Assessment**

KS2 children's progress is assessed against the SCE Language Skills Progression grid against the following aspects:

- Listening and responding
- Speaking
- Writing
- Reading
- Intercultural understanding and interaction

## **7. Host Nation Activities**

The school has a link with Erich Kästner Schule, and Thuneschule, local German Primary Schools. The children in Y3 and Y4 take part in liaison visits in both schools, during which the children have a chance to take part in different activities with their German partner. The MFL subject leader supports all year groups to arrange class trips out in the community.

## **8. Liaison**

The Area Foreign Language Coordinator and the schools MFL co-ordinator meet with the MFL team at John Buchan School so that they are aware of the language achievements of the children at Attenborough school and to foster an ongoing partnership between the schools.

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