



Villa Real School
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MFL Policy 2020

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INTRODUCTION

Villa Real is committed to providing a broad, balanced and relevant curriculum for its pupils and students. It is recognised that the teaching of languages can contribute to this. The Primary National Curriculum states the purpose of language study is:

'...a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.'

DEFINITION

The teaching of languages is undertaken by enthusiastic and willing staff who are interested and have experience in languages and cultures. Lessons are delivered to students in Key stages 2 and 3 who can access a second language. Students in Key stage 4 can choose to study modern foreign languages and a choice or additional subject. Students for whom MFL as a lesson-based subject, is not appropriate, whole school culture days will be offered along with cross curricular link to other subjects such as RE, literacy and 'The Wider World'.

Teaching aims to develop skills, promote the acquisition of knowledge and understanding and offer opportunities to experience other languages and cultures.

Teaching includes the identification, development and assessment of the knowledge, understanding and experiences that are relevant to the language and communication, personal and social curricular offered at Villa Real. For some pupils and students this requires a multisensory approach to enhance their experiences and their ability to respond to their learning environment which is not formally assessed.

SCOPE

The MFL Curriculum intent outlines, that Modern foreign languages is not a compulsory subject in Villa Real, but is offered to all students in KS2 and 3 who can access it. However, all classes are invited to take part in whole school cultural days and to use any resources available in school to deliver the subject where appropriate.

RATIONALE

Villa Real School believes that experiences offered to pupils and students through access to MFL will elicit interaction, discussion and thoughtful questioning at every level of ability, therefore supporting language and communication across the curriculum.

Villa Real School accepts that the four main aspects of teaching languages to pupils of varying abilities are:

- Development of language and communication
- Social development
- Cultural awareness
- Self-esteem

AIMS

Villa Real believes that the aim of teaching MFL is to enable each pupil and student to develop his/ her potential for:

- Developing an awareness of other places, people and cultures
- Building upon language and communication skills through a new learning experience
- Increasing social skills by providing a new context for communication and interaction
- Develop self-awareness and confidence.

ENTITLEMENT

At Key Stage 2 studying a foreign language is an 'entitlement' but not a 'compulsory requirement'. That means that schools should be offering students in Key stage 2 and 3 the opportunity to study languages but it does not, have to be part of a primary school curriculum. Here at Villa Real we offer all pupils who are able to access MFL in KS2 the opportunity on an annual basis. Students in KS3 are chosen based upon progress made in KS2. At Key Stage 4, students should be offered the opportunity to study a language but again it is still not a statutory requirement; in Villa Real it is delivered to those students who have shown success at KS3.

CURRICULUM PROVISION AND ORGANISATION

Lessons are prepared by teachers and staff members who are enthusiastic about and interested in other languages and cultures. Specialist staff have been trained in emersion activities in the country of origin in order to ensure quality delivery of French. Staff adapt the curriculum to suit the needs of students. For students who do follow the MFL lessons regularly, their class teachers will monitor individual progress and set goal and targets according to their ability. The MFL co-ordinator will be responsible for the overall monitoring of data and ensuring that students experience languages and cultures through a variety of ways. Resources of the teaching of French are constantly reviewed and extended and supplemented with resources to enrich the wider cultural curriculum around France.

RECORDING AND ASSESSMENT

Teaching staff should use BSquared assessment tool to record student's progress. Photographic evidence should be captured on Earwig and pupils work kept in their workbooks.

CONCLUSION

Villa Real School believes that the teaching of languages is useful in the support of promoting the language and communication curriculum for some pupils and students. We are committed to providing full opportunities for each individual to achieve the aims as set out above.

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

Villa Real is committed to developing and maintaining international links with other educational establishments. Villa Real School is in the process of completing the Foundation Level International Schools Award through whole school 'National Days of celebration'. There will be a range of European, African and Australasian connections made. Our school pupils / students have made contact through questions and answered sent via email and video recordings to students in Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. The link with Australia and their recent environmental issues has allowed for excellent cross curricular learning with Geography, PSHCE, Science and SMSC.

PURPOSES

- To provide an informed awareness of countries, cultures and languages other than our own
- To encourage greater involvement in environmental issues
- To develop curiosity about other cultures
- To enable children, staff and governors to experience daily life in other countries
- To promote the use of ICT in meaningful contexts for the development of communication skills
- To provide an added opportunity for the promotion of equal opportunities, racial equality and citizenship

GUIDELINES

By having an international dimension as part of our ethos we can provide children and staff with a wider variety of experiences both within, and in addition to the National Curriculum:

- Develop links with schools in European countries and further afield
- Welcome to our school teachers and pupils from other countries

- Raise awareness of environmental issues other than those in our locality through joint projects
- Encourage interest and motivation through the provision of first hand experiences of life in another countries
- Promote communication through writing letters and emails to friends abroad
- Provide staff with opportunities to compare different teaching and learning styles
- Raise awareness and appreciation of other environments and what is happening in the world
- Develop cross-curricular activities with an international theme for all children
- Embed the global dimension within the school curriculum, engaging students to celebrate their own cultural identity and to foster respect for other cultures, language and religion
- To prepare students for a life in a diverse global society
- To develop a strong awareness of similarities and differences in lifestyles and culture in a range of other countries
- To involve staff, students and wider community in the development of contacts with our global partners

This policy should be read alongside guidelines and action plans for the International Dimension.