

# Brackenwood Junior School



Languages  
Long Term Plan

## Yearly Overview

Units taken from 'Salut' scheme of work for French

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3	Core Units	Core Units Animals	Food
Year 4	School Playtime	My Home My Town	Describing People The Body
Year 5	On Holiday Eating Out	Hobbies School Trip	Seasons The Environment
Year 6	In France	Family A Weekend with Friends	The Future Jobs

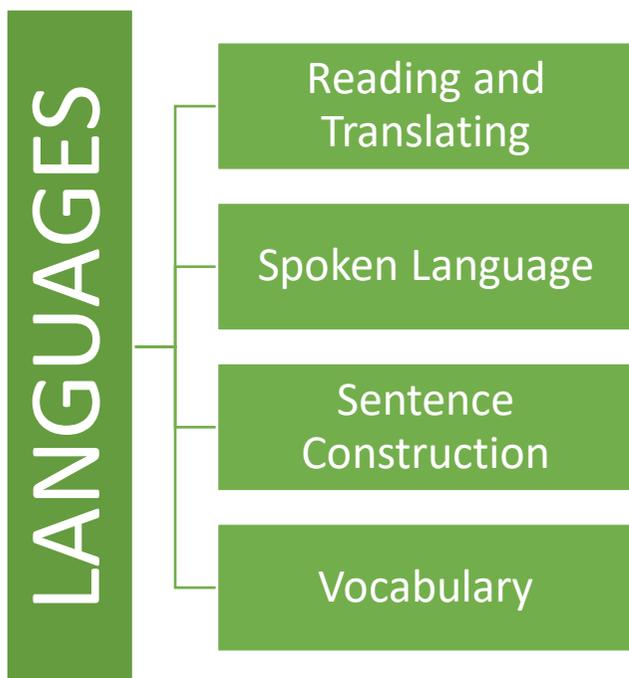


# Languages

*“One language sets you in a corridor for life, two languages opens every door along the way.”*

*– Frank Smith*

**Our key driving themes are:**



<p><b>Why should children learn this subject?</b></p>	<p>Learning a foreign language provides an opening to other cultures and deepens children’s understanding of the world. Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask. Children proficient in other languages also show signs of enhanced creativity and mental flexibility. Learning one other language at primary school provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.</p>
<p><b>What will children learn to do in this subject?</b></p>	<p>At Brackenwood Junior School, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.</li> <li>• Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.</li> <li>• Engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others.</li> <li>• Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.</li> <li>• Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation.</li> <li>• Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.</li> <li>• Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.</li> <li>• Describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing.</li> <li>• Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will we inspire them?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teach through games, group activities and conversation.</li> <li>• Give children opportunities to talk and write about their own lives and preferences.</li> <li>• Give learning a practical purpose. Children can apply their language skills if on holiday.</li> <li>• Share stories in French.</li> </ul>

# Skills Progression Map

## **Reading fluently** Recognising key vocabulary and phrases

### YEAR 3 AND 4

- Read and understand the main points in short written texts.
- Read short texts independently.
- Use a translation dictionary or glossary to look up new words.

### YEAR 5 AND 6

- Read and understand the main points and some of the detail in short written texts.
- Use the context of a sentence or a translation dictionary to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Read and understand the main points and opinions in written texts from various contexts, including present, past or future events.
- Show confidence in reading aloud, and in using reference materials.

## **Writing imaginatively** Using key vocabulary and phrases to write ideas

- Write a few short sentences using familiar expressions.
- Express personal experiences and responses.
- Write short phrases from memory with spelling that is readily understandable.

- Write short texts on familiar topics.
- Use knowledge of grammar (or pitch in Mandarin) to enhance or change the meaning of phrases.
- Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.
- Refer to recent experiences or future plans, as well as to everyday activities.
- Include imaginative and adventurous word choices.
- Convey meaning (although there may be some mistakes, the meaning can be understood with little or no difficulty).
- Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words

## Speaking confidently

Using key vocabulary and phrases to verbally communicate ideas

- Understand the main points from spoken passages.
- Ask others to repeat words or phrases if necessary.
- Ask and answer simple questions and talk about interests.
- Take part in discussions and tasks.
- Demonstrate a growing vocabulary.

- Understand the main points and opinions in spoken passages.
- Give a short prepared talk that includes opinions.
- Take part in conversations to seek and give information.
- Refer to recent experiences or future plans, everyday activities and interests.
- Vary language and produce extended responses.
- Be understood with little or no difficulty.

# National Curriculum Programmes of Study

## Purpose of study

Learning a foreign language 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. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

## Aims

The national curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- 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
- can 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 language studied.

## Attainment targets

By the end of each key stage, pupils are expected to know, apply and understand the matters, skills and processes specified in the relevant programme of study.

**Schools are not required by law to teach the example content in [square brackets].**

## Subject content

### Key stage 2: Foreign language

Teaching may be of any modern or ancient foreign language and should focus on enabling pupils to make substantial progress in one language. The teaching should 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. If an ancient language is chosen the focus will be to provide a linguistic foundation for reading comprehension and an appreciation of classical civilisation. Pupils studying ancient languages may take part in simple oral exchanges, while discussion of what they read will be conducted in English. A linguistic foundation in ancient languages may support the study of modern languages at key stage 3.

#### Pupils should be taught to:

- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help\*
- speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases\*
- present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences\*
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- describe people, places, things and actions orally\* and in writing
- understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.

The starred (\*) content above will not be applicable to ancient languages.