

Progression of skills in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

Skills:	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening	Listen to spoken language in the form of short stories, nursery rhymes & songs. Recognise familiar words and short phrases covered in previous units. Show understanding by joining in and responding by repeating modelled language or demonstrating a physical response.	Listen to longer passages and understand more of what can be heard by picking out key words and phrases covered in current and previous units. Recognise a familiar question and respond with a rehearsed response.	Listen more attentively and for longer. Understand more of what can be heard even when some of the language may be unfamiliar by using the decoding skills we have developed. Show understanding by joining in and responding to the main points from short, spoken material.	Listen to longer text and more authentic foreign language material. Learn to pick out familiar words and learn to 'gist listen' even when hearing language that has not been covered.
Speaking	Communicate with others using short phrases and simple words covered in the units. Name objects and actions and link words with a simple connective.	Communicate with others with improved accuracy and confidence. Learn to ask and answer questions based on the language covered in the units and incorporate a negative reply if required. Speak in short sentences, using familiar vocabulary and phrases.	Communicate on a wider range of topics and themes, including interests and recent experiences. Remember and recall a range of vocabulary with increased knowledge and confidence. Say a longer sentence using a language scaffold and familiar vocabulary.	Learn to recall previously learnt language and incorporate it with new language with increased speed and varied vocabulary. Engage in short conversations on familiar topics, responding with opinions and justifications where appropriate. Produce extended responses when referring to everyday activities and interests, recent experiences and future plans.

Reading	Read familiar words and short phrases accurately. Make links with English or a known language to work out the meaning of new words.	Read aloud short pieces of text applying knowledge learnt from current and previous units. Learn strategies for the memorisation of vocabulary and use context to predict the meaning of new words.	Understand longer passages in the foreign language and start to decode the meaning of unknown words using cognates and context. Read and understand the main points in short, written material.	Be able to tackle unknown language with increased accuracy by applying knowledge learnt in current and previous units, including awareness of accents, silent letters etc. Decode unknown language using bilingual dictionaries.
Writing	Write familiar words using a model or vocabulary list. Write a simple phrase, using a scaffold, that may contain an adjective to describe a person, place or object.	Write, from memory, some short phrases based on familiar topics and begin to use conjunctions and the negative form where appropriate. Write one or two simple sentences that may contain an adjective to describe a person, place, object or action.	Write a paragraph using familiar language incorporating conjunctions and a negative response where required. Learn to manipulate the language and be able to substitute words for suitable alternatives.	Write a piece of text using language from a variety of units covered and learn to adapt any models provided to show solid understanding of any grammar covered. Start to incorporate conjugated verbs and learn to be comfortable using conjunctions, adjectives and possessive adjectives.
Grammar	Start to understand the concept of noun gender and the use of articles. Use the first person singular version of high frequency verbs.	Better understand the concept of gender and which articles to use for meaning. Name the indefinite and definite articles for both genders and use them correctly.	Demonstrate an understanding of gender and nouns, and use appropriate determiners. Demonstrate the use of first, second and third person singular pronouns with some regular and high frequency verbs in present tense.	Consolidate understanding of gender and nouns, use of the negative, adjectival agreement and possessive adjectives. Name and use a range of conjunctions to create a compound sentence.