

**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES
CURRICULUM STATEMENT**



'Growing Together in Faith & Love'

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Intent

A high quality languages education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. We are committed to ensuring that competence and enthusiasm in learning another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. We endeavour to guide our children to become and grow as global citizens, developing skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of Italian in KS2 focuses on the 4 areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening and provides an appropriate balance of these domains, laying the foundations for further foreign language teaching at KS3.

Implementation

Children are introduced to Italian in KS2 children receive a weekly 45 minute lesson in years 3 to 6, from a native speaking teacher. This enables the children to develop early language acquisition skills that facilitate their understanding of the patterns of language and how these differ from, or are similar to, English. Lessons across the year groups support the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing:

- Children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and respond, joining in with songs, rhymes and games.
- Links have been developed with secondary schools.
- Children develop an appreciation of a variety of stories, songs, poems and rhymes in Italian, that are delivered through the curriculum content, by a native Italian speaker.
- Italian lessons are complimented by a scheme of work.
- The French trip (and French lessons in the lead up to this) enables year 6 pupils to be immersed in the inclusion of the culture and use the language meaningfully in context.

Impact

Our MFL curriculum ensures that children develop their knowledge of where different languages, including the range of home languages spoken by the families of the school, as well as Italian, are spoken in the world. Varied learning experiences, including the French trip ensure that languages are celebrated throughout the school community whilst providing a context for language learning, as well as developing the children's understanding of different cultures and global issues.

We believe our children will:

- Acquire an appreciation, enjoyment and life-long love of languages
- Develop confident and positive attitudes towards language learning
- Demonstrate awareness of culture, traditions and languages spoken by families across the federation
- Demonstrate their pride and the high status of MFL through display of their quality work