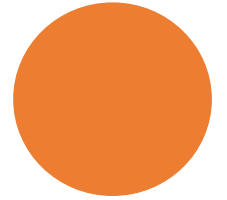


# S1 Modern Languages

Welcome to the Modern Languages Faculty S1 presentation. The purpose of this presentation is to tell you about what your child will learn and the skills they will develop over the course of S1 in Modern Languages and to provide some guidance on how best to support your child with their learning.



## Course Structure:

- In S1, you have two periods of French and one period of German each week. You have different teachers for each language.
- In S2, this will switch: two periods of German and one period of French.



# Topics Covered:

## S1 French:

- Revision from Primary
  - Basic greetings; calendar; numbers; etc.
- All About Me!
  - My likes and dislikes; my family; pets; describing people.
- World Traditions and Festivals
- My Hobbies
  - Sports; ways I spend my time; online activities
- My School
  - Subjects, opinions, talking about the school day

## S1 German:

- Introductions to German
  - Basic greetings; the alphabet; numbers; German culture
- Family and Pets
  - “Superpets”; colours; skills focus



# Skills Developed



- Literacy Skills

- Reading and writing strategies for Modern Languages that apply to all reading and writing in English or any other language
- Understanding how language works

- Communication Skills

- Confidence with speaking aloud, particularly when it feels a bit uncomfortable or strange! A very transferable and useful skill.
- Communicating what you know: how to express your ideas accurately and clearly

- Collaborative Skills

- Working with others, both friends and those you are less comfortable with
- Supporting each other: asking for help from others; working kindly and sensibly with others; respecting others; helping others to understand

- Problem-Solving Skills

- Understanding complex concepts
- Applying known concepts to new scenarios or information



# Modern Languages – Ensuring your Child is Ready to Learn

## You Will Need:

- iPad (charged!)
- Charger (just in case)
- A pen or pencil
- Your jotter or workbook
  - *These are taken home in most cases, although some teachers may keep pupil jotters in the classroom*
- A selection of stationary - e.g. a ruler, coloured pencils and glue - are helpful but not a necessity and can be provided.



# Modern Languages – How to Support Your Child's Learning

- **Talk to your child to ask about what they were learning that day.**
  - This will help your child to think about their learning, help to consolidate their learning and allow them to store it in their long-term memory (or at least until next lesson!).
  - Your child can also show you what they are working on through Showbie. In French, work for each lesson is uploaded so you can see what your child has completed. At intervals through the year, pieces of work will be marked by the class teacher so you and your child have some feedback on classwork.
- **Homework will also be flagged on Showbie, so you can support your child to complete homework when it is issued.**
- **In French, there are also extension tasks that pupils can choose to do in class or at home to challenge themselves or help them to understand and revise key information. These can be written exercises or online vocabulary games, for example. Great practice before an assessment!**
- **At regular intervals, assessments of the key skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking) will take place.**
  - The results of these and the teacher's feedback for next steps will be shared with you on Showbie through the Showbie Portfolio function. Discussing these with your child can really help them to understand and improve!

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