



MfL Subject Leaders Resource Pack





MfL SL Resource Pack

This, and subsequent resource packs, have been designed specifically to support the work of subject leaders for the foundation subjects (Art & Design; Computing; Design & Technology; Geography; History; MfL; Music; PE; RE) as well as for Science and PSHE, in primary schools.

The structure of each resource pack follows the same format:

Part A: Resources & NC Requirements

This includes:

- a list of key websites, including those of the professional subject association;
- key publications to support the subject leader, and
- a brief statement of curriculum intent

Part B: Best practice as identified by Ofsted

This provides numerous examples of what were 'recently' described as best practice in teaching & learning in MfL in primary schools. They provide excellent examples for sharing out amongst class teachers as well as for subject leaders to audit their own school's provision against.

Part C: MfL - Good (in 'old' money)

This outlines, albeit from 6 years ago, the last time that Ofsted wrote a set of subject specific criteria to complement the 'generic' whole school criteria in the then Inspection Framework. Whilst there is now a new Inspection Framework (May 2019) what was 'good' learning & teaching in modern foreign languages (in this instance) in 2013 is clearly still 'good' modern languages learning & teaching today.

I have taken the criteria for 'good' as a starting point, not as a deficit model, i.e. not using 'outstanding' but, because I make the assumption that all teachers and pupils want to have a good days learning & teaching. If both a subject and senior leaders' evaluation is that provision meets the criteria for 'good' then there is every good reason to refer to the criteria for 'outstanding'. The subject specific criteria for Outstanding (from Dec 2013) are included in Annex 1.

Part D: MfL: Quality of Education

This template includes the current 'good' criteria for the Quality of Education judgement along black columns for the SL / SLT to insert where they perceive is a best-fit with the 'old' subject specific criteria along with their own internal evidence.

As such it serves two purposes, one as a CPD activity to consider the match between the 'old' subject specific criteria and then 'new' criteria and secondly to benchmark / evaluate the school's provision against this.

Part E (exemplar) is my initial interpretation of a best-fit between the old and the new.

Annex 1: MfL – Outstanding (in 'old' money)



Part A: Resources & NC Requirements

Links:

- The Association for Language Learning

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/>

(Membership: School £50 / annum – Individual £70 / annum)

- The National Association of Language Advisors

<http://www.nala.org.uk/>

Resources

- Key Stage 2 Language Co-ordinators Handbook
<https://allconnectblog.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/all-connect-ks2-languages-coordinator-handbook1.pdf> (All Connect Project Team)
- The Transition Toolkit (All Connect Project Team)
- Learning Foreign Languages in the Primary School (Multilingual Matters)
- Teaching Foreign Languages in the Primary School (Bloomsbury)
- Modern Foreign Languages in the Primary School: The What, Why and How of Early MFL Teaching (Routledge)
- Primary Languages: Effective Learning and Teaching : Effective Learning and Teaching (learning Matters)
- Bloomsbury Curriculum Basics: Teaching Primary French: Everything A Non-specialist Needs To Know To Teach Primary French (Bloomsbury)

Learning and using a foreign language allows pupils to explore the life-style and culture of other lands through the medium of their languages. It can give the learner the experience of entering a foreign environment and existing within it. Coping for a while with a different linguistic medium, whether in the classroom or a foreign country, can be a liberating, enjoyable and intellectually challenging experience.

Learning a language promotes social interaction within and beyond the classroom. It helps pupils to appreciate the lives of others through appreciating their culture, understanding their concerns, respecting their opinions and accepting them as they are. Such attitudes help to promote goodwill and to counter insularity and prejudice.

Pupils improve their personal and social skills by learning to communicate, cooperating and contributing in class, considering the views of others and having to adjust to different social conventions.

Learning another language(s) equips pupils with a skill which is advantageous to adult life and work. Our success in industry and commerce depends on our willingness and ability to communicate with potential customers in their own language. Many pupils will later need to use a foreign language in employment, for example as lorry drivers, site foremen, hoteliers, business people, scientists or technicians. In addition they will want to use it for reading, travel, recreation and personal contacts, either at home or abroad. (edited from HMI MfL 5-16, 1987)



MfL Programmes of Study for KS2

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.

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.



Summary self-evaluation

Summary:
The key strengths in:
<i>Teaching, learning & assessment in MfL are:</i>
<i>The MfL Curriculum are:</i>
The main areas we need to develop in:
<i>Teaching, learning & assessment in MfL are:</i>
<i>The MfL curriculum are:</i>



Part B: Best practice as identified by Ofsted

The last time Ofsted reported specifically on Modern foreign Languages (2011)¹ they stated that:

Schools should:

- build on their good work in speaking and listening, including language learning strategies and knowledge about language, to develop pupils' early skills in reading and writing
- ensure intercultural understanding is built into work where it does not yet feature prominently.

The following strengths were noted in the outstanding teaching seen:

- *teachers' expert use of the target language*
- *planning that took pupils through a logical series activities and catered for the needs of all students*
- *pace and challenge: pupils were expected to do a lot of work in the lesson*
- *thorough practice of new work before pupilsd were expected to use it*
- *very effective use of activities bringing the whole class together to test learning, monitor progress and redirect the lesson if necessary*
- *intercultural knowledge and understanding built into the lesson*
- *language learning strategies taught very well to develop pupils' understanding of learning the language*
- *very good deployment of teaching assistants in lessons.*

The curriculum in outstanding schools was characterised by:

- *all Key Stage 2 pupils learning a language*
- *integration of languages with other subjects*
- *discrete language teaching once each week, with the time allocated to it often increasing as the pupils got older, and short daily integrated sessions of language learning „ one main language (or even two languages) but frequent, and planned, references to other languages, especially to those used by the school's pupils*
- *the Key Stage 2 Framework used as the main tool for planning*
- *careful tailoring of any external schemes of work or commercial materials to the needs of different classes*
- *progressive planning for skills development focused on listening and speaking, with reading and writing underpinning these skills*
- *opportunities for pupils who spoke other languages to demonstrate and/or teach these to other children.*
- *parents and adult speakers of other languages invited into school*
- *pupils' achievement in languages celebrated regularly through assemblies and languages days.*

¹ Modern languages Achievement and challenge 2007–2010 (2011)

Leadership was outstanding in 11 of the schools visited.

The following characteristics were evident:

- *a very clear rationale for languages provision and the language(s) chosen*
- *merging of policy and practice*
- *languages featuring in whole-school planning*
- *strong support from senior management and governors*
- *strong subject leadership*
- *whole-school involvement in the initiative*
- *languages forming an integral part of the school's management systems*
- *school assessment procedures applied to languages*
- *high-quality monitoring, review and self-evaluation*
- *effective use of national frameworks and guidance „ high-quality resources, including ICT*
- *use of local training opportunities, with professional development planning and review, based on clear auditing*
- *links with local networks and initial teacher education institutions*
- *strong links with secondary schools and discussions about transfer.*

Best practice examples

A: *The following examples illustrate elements of good development in writing.*

In one school a batch of letters from their link school was used by Year 6 for reading and writing and for them to develop work for younger pupils. Pupils wrote words and phrases accurately, and they could use a framework to write about a familiar topic. Year 5 pupils could describe their daily routine by combining familiar phrases with a small number of commonly used connectives. Year 5 pupils wrote simple letters about themselves to the French school with which they had established a link. Pupils read, matched and wrote words accurately from early on and later there were some good examples of sentence formation. There was evidence of a small amount of free writing, such as describing Christmas.

B: *Reading and writing were well developed. Pupils were introduced to books and understood the story with support from the teacher. Pupils copied words and phrases accurately and were learning to experiment with writing in a foreign language. Pupils had access to dictionaries and were beginning to learn to use them, for example, by putting words into alphabetical order.*

C: *Pupils' understanding of basic grammar and structure was developing so that they knew about gender and the position of adjectives. In one Year 4 class they spontaneously made up phrases about animals, for example, 'un grand lion jaune', using their prior knowledge and having been taught 'grand' and 'petit' in the lesson. They were sufficiently involved to query why the adjective was suddenly in front of the noun.*

D: *Pupils' cultural understanding was excellent. They had regular contact with other cultures through trips and visits, such as a recent visit to France. Pupils also learnt about the culture of other countries through topics in school. For example, a topic on China covered many aspects of the Chinese way of life, including festivals and traditional songs, as well as the language itself. One pupil said 'I can talk to different people all over the world... although it takes a long time'. Pupils spoke with enthusiasm about what they had learnt from talking to trainee teachers from Switzerland and Belgium. They were keen to learn about life in other countries and were fascinated to know that Swiss people often knew how to speak several languages.*

E: *Pupils' knowledge and understanding of heritage and home languages were good because the staff worked hard to promote respect for the school's cultural diversity. Pupils enjoyed the recent Languages Day during which they learnt short phrases in a wide variety of languages spoken by members of the school community, including Italian, Mandarin, Norwegian, Welsh, Japanese and Portuguese. Each week, all pupils learnt and practised a greeting word in a new language. As a result, they appreciated the diversity of languages spoken in the school, racial harmony was promoted well and intercultural understanding was good.*

F: *Teaching was led by the languages coordinator. She was a graduate in Spanish, trained as a secondary teacher, who had switched to primary teaching a few years before. Her subject knowledge and primary teaching skills were excellent. She was supported on some days by the local authority outreach teacher, who helped her coach other colleagues who were less confident. The result of this well-planned developmental work meant that class teachers and teaching assistants were increasingly confident and pupils experienced a high standard of teaching.*

G: *The class teacher recycled prior learning when introducing new work. So, for example, when learning words for animals, pupils also used colours and numbers, learnt in earlier classes, to make phrases. The class teacher devoted a lot of time to the subject; she regularly took opportunities during the week to reinforce work done in the dedicated French lesson. Pupils regularly reinforced their learning with simple exercises on the computer. They had been encouraged to speak and sing the language confidently so they had plenty of practice in using French in different contexts.*

H: *One school made good use of authentic children's materials on the Internet. One group used a French toy shop website to research what they could buy for 100 Euros and then produced a graph of the results. They had also had the opportunity to record themselves digitally performing a puppet show in French. This allowed them to work from memory and to perfect their pronunciation and fluency. In another school, pupils watched a video of a native Spanish speaker describing a weather forecast. Useful words and phrases were displayed on the wall. Pupils were to use hand-held video cameras to record themselves making a weather forecast covering South America in Spanish. Pupils planned it quickly on paper in Spanish and made recordings. They edited their work on the computers in the ICT suite and then watched another group's video. This video they assessed against criteria, on using Spanish and pronunciation, that had been set by the teacher.*

I: *The school provided opportunities beyond the timetable to take part in language events such as The European Day for Languages and a Spanish Day, and there were links with a Spanish school. Pupils had the opportunity to sing in Spanish in the choir. There were links to a recycling project and some developments with science and mathematics in Year 5. Numerous parents and carers joined the Spanish lunches that the school put on for them and their children. The 'Teach a friend a language' day was a rich event, with participating pupils showing high levels of enthusiasm for, and commitment to, languages. The pairs of pupils worked to develop high-quality dialogues and clearly enjoyed the process of sharing a language. The 'peer teachers' (pupils) spoke about how they had discovered more about their home language by demonstrating it and explaining it to their friends. The 'learners' talked about the insights they gained into culture, as well as language. The performance of their dialogue on stage demanded significant courage; the growth in their confidence and self-esteem was tangible. Links with a leading local football club resulted in the Spanish-speaking goalkeeper visiting the school and answering pupils' questions. A number of the pupils also participated in a visit to the stadium for an event linking languages with international football.*



Part C: MfL - Good (in 'old' money²)

Achievement

- Most pupils are keen to try to speak in the target language in lessons, either with a partner or with the teacher. They attempt to copy the correct pronunciation and intonation.
- They strive to use the language to communicate orally and in writing. Increasingly, they use the language for normal communication with the teacher and with each other in and beyond the classroom.
- Pupils are able to work independently when given the opportunity, taking the initiative in their work and when working with others.
- They demonstrate some originality, imagination or creativity in modern languages work.
- Pupils can apply grammatical rules to new situations and can write at length with support.
- They have good knowledge and understanding of the culture of the countries where the language is spoken. Pupils enjoy learning languages and can explain the value of doing so.

Teaching

- Teachers communicate the value of modern languages to pupils very effectively.
- Planning is informed by a good level of subject expertise. Pupils develop the skills they need to become independent language learners because teachers use an appropriate range of resources and teaching strategies to promote good learning across all aspects of the subject.
- Pupils willingly participate in activities that require them to use the language to communicate orally and in writing as a result of good teaching.
- Teachers routinely use the target language for classroom communication and generally insist on pupils responding in the language.
- Text is used well to improve pupils' pronunciation and as a 'cue' for speaking and writing.
- Reading is used to develop intercultural understanding and pupils read for pleasure.
- Imaginative use is made of a breadth of listening materials to develop pupils' understanding of the spoken word.

² Dec 2013, Ofsted

Curriculum

- The curriculum is broad, balanced and well informed by current initiatives in modern languages and includes opportunities for learning more than one language.
- Curriculum planning is responsive to pupils' prior learning, including for pupils transferring from primary to secondary schools.
- All pupils are provided with first-hand experience of the culture of the country where the language is spoken through visits or visitors or through the use of ICT.
- Curriculum planning ensures pupils have opportunities to develop all four skills equally.
- Imaginative extra-curricular and enrichment provision ensures pupils have good knowledge of the culture of the countries where the target language is spoken.
- Good links are forged with other agencies and the wider community to provide a range of enrichment activities to promote pupils' learning and engagement.
- Pupils' learning is enhanced through productive links with other subjects.
- Planning for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, including through the use of classroom displays, strengthens pupils' understanding of the culture of the countries where the target language is spoken.

Leadership & Management

- Leadership is well informed by current developments in the subject.
- Subject reviews, self-evaluation and improvement planning are clearly focused on raising standards and improving the provision for the subject.
- There is a shared common purpose among those involved in teaching the subject, with good opportunities to share practice, discuss the teaching and learning of languages and gain access to subject training.
- The subject makes a good contribution to whole-school priorities, including literacy and numeracy policies.
- Subject leaders encourage other stakeholders to make a positive contribution to the promotion of language learning.
- Productive links exist with parents, external agencies and the countries where the languages being taught are spoken.
- Governors share the vision and aims for the subject and understand the strengths and weaker aspects of teaching and the curriculum, and the impact these have on outcomes for pupils.

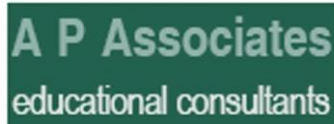

Part D: MfL: Quality of Education

INTENT		
NEW HANDBOOK	EVIDENCE	OLD SUBJECT CRITERIA
Leaders adopt or construct a curriculum that is ambitious and designed to give all pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils and including pupils with SEND, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. This is either the national curriculum or a curriculum of comparable breadth and ambition. <i>[If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</i>		
The school's curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment. <i>[If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</i>		
The curriculum is successfully adapted, designed or developed to be ambitious and meet the needs of pupils with SEND, developing their knowledge, skills and abilities to apply what they know and can do with increasing fluency and independence. <i>[If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</i>		

IMPLEMENTATION		
NEW HANDBOOK	EVIDENCE	OLD SUBJECT CRITERIA
Teachers have good knowledge of the subject(s) and courses they teach. Leaders provide effective support for those teaching outside their main areas of expertise.		
Teachers present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter being taught. They check pupils' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately and provide clear, direct feedback. In so doing, they respond and adapt their teaching as necessary without unnecessarily elaborate or individualised approaches.		
Over the course of study, teaching is designed to help pupils to remember long term the content they have been taught and to integrate new knowledge into larger ideas.		
Teachers and leaders use assessment well, for example to help pupils embed and use knowledge fluently, or to check understanding and inform teaching. Leaders understand the limitations of assessment and do not use it in a way that creates unnecessary burdens on staff or pupils.		
Teachers create an environment that focuses on pupils. The textbooks and other teaching materials that teachers select – in a way that does not create unnecessary workload for staff – reflect the school's ambitious intentions for the course of study. These materials clearly support the		

intent of a coherently planned curriculum, sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment.		
The work given to pupils is demanding and matches the aims of the curriculum in being coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge.		
Reading is prioritised to allow pupils to access the full curriculum offer.		
A rigorous and sequential approach to the reading curriculum develops pupils' fluency, confidence and enjoyment in reading. At all stages, reading attainment is assessed and gaps are addressed quickly and effectively for all pupils. Reading books connect closely to the phonics knowledge pupils are taught when they are learning to read.		
The sharp focus on ensuring that younger children gain phonics knowledge and language comprehension necessary to read, and the skills to communicate, gives them the foundations for future learning.		
Teachers ensure that their own speaking, listening, writing and reading of English support pupils in developing their language and vocabulary well.		

IMPACT		
NEW HANDBOOK	EVIDENCE	OLD SUBJECT CRITERIA
Pupils develop detailed knowledge and skills across the curriculum and, as a result, achieve well. This is reflected in results from national tests and examinations that meet government expectations, or in the qualifications obtained.		
Pupils are ready for the next stage of education, employment or training. They have the knowledge and skills they need and, where relevant, they gain qualifications that allow them to go on to destinations that meet their interests and aspirations and the intention of their course of study. Pupils with SEND achieve the best possible outcomes.		
Pupils' work across the curriculum is of good quality.		
Pupils read widely and often, with fluency and comprehension appropriate to their age. They are able to apply mathematical knowledge, concepts and procedures appropriately for their age.		

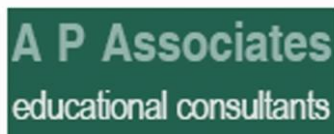

Part E: MfL: Quality of Education (exemplar)

INTENT		
NEW HANDBOOK	EVIDENCE	OLD SUBJECT CRITERIA
Leaders adopt or construct a curriculum that is ambitious and designed to give all pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils and including pupils with SEND, the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life. This is either the national curriculum or a curriculum of comparable breadth and ambition. <i>[If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</i>		<p>Leadership is well informed by current developments in the subject. Subject reviews, self-evaluation and improvement planning are clearly focused on raising standards and improving the provision for the subject.</p> <p>There is a shared common purpose among those involved in teaching the subject, with good opportunities to share practice, discuss the teaching and learning of languages and gain access to subject training. Curriculum planning ensures pupils have opportunities to develop all four skills equally.</p>
The school's curriculum is coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment. <i>[If this is not yet fully the case, it is clear from leaders' actions that they are in the process of bringing this about.]</i>		<p>The curriculum is broad, balanced and well informed by current initiatives in modern languages and includes opportunities for learning more than one language.</p> <p>Curriculum planning is responsive to pupils' prior learning, including for pupils transferring from primary to secondary schools.</p>
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IMPLEMENTATION		
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Teachers present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter being taught. They check pupils' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately and provide clear, direct feedback. In so doing, they respond and adapt their teaching as necessary without unnecessarily elaborate or individualised approaches.		Teachers communicate the value of modern languages to pupils very effectively. Teachers routinely use the target language for classroom communication and generally insist on pupils responding in the language.
Over the course of study, teaching is designed to help pupils to remember long term the content they have been taught and to integrate new knowledge into larger ideas.		
Teachers and leaders use assessment well, for example to help pupils embed and use knowledge fluently, or to check understanding and inform teaching. Leaders understand the limitations of assessment and do not use it in a way that creates unnecessary burdens on staff or pupils.		
Teachers create an environment that focuses on		Pupils willingly participate in activities that require them to use

pupils. The textbooks and other teaching materials that teachers select – in a way that does not create unnecessary workload for staff – reflect the school's ambitious intentions for the course of study. These materials clearly support the intent of a coherently planned curriculum, sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment.		<p>the language to communicate orally and in writing as a result of good teaching.</p> <p>Teachers routinely use the target language for classroom communication and generally insist on pupils responding in the language.</p> <p>Text is used well to improve pupils' pronunciation and as a 'cue' for speaking and writing.</p> <p>Reading is used to develop intercultural understanding and pupils read for pleasure.</p> <p>Imaginative use is made of a breadth of listening materials to develop pupils' understanding of the spoken word.</p>
The work given to pupils is demanding and matches the aims of the curriculum in being coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge.		Pupils are able to work independently when given the opportunity, taking the initiative in their work and when working with others.
Reading is prioritised to allow pupils to access the full curriculum offer.		<p>Text is used well to improve pupils' pronunciation and as a 'cue' for speaking and writing.</p> <p>Reading is used to develop intercultural understanding and pupils read for pleasure.</p> <p>Imaginative use is made of a breadth of listening materials to develop pupils' understanding of the spoken word.</p>
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that younger children gain phonics knowledge and language comprehension necessary to read, and the skills to communicate, gives them the foundations for future learning.		
Teachers ensure that their own speaking, listening, writing and reading of English support pupils in developing their language and vocabulary well.		Imaginative use is made of a breadth of listening materials to develop pupils' understanding of the spoken word.



Annex 1: MfL – Outstanding (in ‘old’ money³)

Achievement

- As appropriate to their stage of development, all groups of pupils are confident speakers with good intonation and pronunciation.
- Pupils develop a passion for and commitment to the subject and can use language creatively and spontaneously to express what they want to say, including when talking to each other informally and writing imaginatively.
- The four skills are developing equally well relevant to their stage of learning and pupils use them creatively to increase their knowledge and understanding and to deal with the unexpected. They demonstrate an increasingly high level of accuracy as they move through the key stages.
- Pupils show exceptional independence in their studies and can use a range of resources, including ICT, to develop their language skills and investigate aspects that interest them.
- Almost all pupils work hard, are willing to persevere in challenging tasks and understand that in order to be successful they will need to work collaboratively and develop skills specific to language learning.
- Pupils have strong awareness of the culture of the countries where the language is spoken.
- An above-average proportion of pupils continue to study languages at an appropriate level in the next stage of their education.
- Pupils confidently apply grammatical rules to new situations and can write or speak at lengths appropriate to their stage of development.

Teaching

- Teachers communicate high expectations, enthusiasm and passion about their subject to pupils.
- They have a high level of confidence and expertise both in terms of their specialist language knowledge and their understanding of effective language learning.
- Pupils secure outstanding progress and communicate enthusiastically both orally and in writing in the target language, due to carefully planned, imaginative lessons.
- Pupils are encouraged to use the language with little prompting for routine classroom communication as well as for specific purposes.
- Resources, including new technology, are used imaginatively to develop pupils' cultural awareness and their ability in all four skills.
- Pupils are provided with opportunities for reading authentic resources and texts in the target language, including those they might wish to read for pleasure.

³ Dec 2013, Ofsted

- All pupils develop independence and a desire to use the target language for real communication due to precisely targeted support.
- Assessment and marking are carried out in all four skills, conducted as far as possible in the target language and make an excellent contribution to pupils' learning..

Curriculum

- The imaginative and stimulating subject curriculum is skillfully designed to match the full range of pupils' needs and to ensure highly effective continuity and progression in their learning.
- In addition, innovative approaches to curriculum design ensure that the needs of individuals and groups, such as those who already have competence in a language or would benefit from learning more than one language, are exceptionally well met.
- There is an excellent balance between structured opportunities for pupils to develop subject skills, such as accurate translation into and from the target language, knowledge and understanding and opportunities to engage in exciting real-life situations.
- A wide range of imaginative extra-curricular and enrichment provision ensures that pupils have extensive knowledge of the culture of the countries where the target language is spoken.
- There are highly productive links with other subjects in the school, including humanities, English and the creative arts.
- Rigorous planning for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, including through the use of classroom displays, ensures pupils' excellent knowledge and appreciation of other cultures and their very well-developed social skills.

Leadership & management

- Leadership at all levels is informed by a high level of understanding about language learning.
- Subject leadership is informed by strong subject expertise and a clear vision that underpins the workings of all provision in modern languages.
- There is a proven track record of innovation. Subject reviews, self-evaluation and improvement planning are well informed by current best practice and research in languages and in education generally.
- Subject leadership inspires confidence and whole-hearted commitment from pupils and colleagues, and includes provision for contributions from other stakeholders.
- There are effective strategies to delegate responsibilities where appropriate and to share good practice and secure high-quality professional development.
- Language learning is exceptionally well promoted across the school and contributes strongly to the school's ethos.
- The subject makes an excellent contribution to whole-school priorities, including consistent application of literacy and numeracy policies.
- Highly productive links exist with parents, external agencies and the countries where the languages being taught are spoken.
- Governors are highly supportive of the aims and vision for the subject and challenge senior leaders to strive to improve outcomes for all groups of pupils.