

The Foundation of Our Learning: Early Modern Foreign Languages

Before starting the national curriculum in Year 1, pupils learn through the Early Years Statutory Framework. This document is structured differently to the national curriculum, as it is organised across seven areas of learning, instead of discrete subjects. The seven areas of learning are:

- communication and language.
- personal, social and emotional development.
- physical development.
- literacy.
- mathematics.
- understanding the world.
- expressive arts and design.

Modern Foreign Languages works slightly differently to other curriculum subjects, as it does not begin to be taught until Year 3. Therefore, it is difficult to find explicit knowledge links within the Early Years Statutory Framework.

However, the main aspects of **MFL** are, reading, writing, speaking and listening. Therefore, the key knowledge and skills that will be built on are the same as many of those in the subjects of 'reading' and 'writing'.

Finally, the study of **MFL** also includes an understanding and appreciation of different cultures. This is built from the EYFS framework, specifically the areas of 'personal, social and emotional development' and 'understanding the world'.