

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Teacher in charge – Mr A Martin

Aims

Pupils are given the opportunity to study three languages for two school terms each. Pupils, in tutor groups, are taught Spanish, German and French. The syllabus includes not only the learning of the basic language to communicate in the target language, but also an approach to the culture and traditions in each target language speaking world. The aim is to create linguists who appreciate the value of learning languages but also understand how they work and so we include the acquisition of skills in the curriculum such as phonics, basic grammatical concepts and the use of a bilingual dictionary.

Course Description

French Module 1 –

- Introduction to French
- Greetings and introductions
- Numbers
- Age and birthdays
- Alphabet
- Stationery items
- Items in a classroom

French Module 2 –

- Sports
- Hobbies
- Colours
- Animals

German Module 1 –

- Introduction to German, German music and the culture
- Greetings and introductions
- Numbers
- Age and birthdays
- Saying where you live
- Stationery items
- Colours
- 'Hundertwasser' art project

German Module 2 –

- School subjects
- Days of the week
- Giving opinions about subjects
- Clothing
- Food and drink
- History project about the Berlin Wall

Spanish Module 1 –

- Introduction to Spanish
- Greetings and introductions
- Numbers

- Age and birthdays
- Alphabet
- Stationery items
- Items in a classroom
- Spanish speaking countries and Christopher Columbus

Spanish Module 2 –

- Animals
- Family members
- Describing hair and eye colour
- Describing physical appearance
- Creating 'wanted' posters

Activities

Pupils work in pairs, small groups as well as whole class.

Homework

Pupils are required to complete one homework per week.

Assessment

Teachers will assess throughout all lessons with formal assessment taking place at the end of each module.

NB Pupils will be asked after Easter to give a preference for the language they would like to continue to study in Years 8 and 9.