



SMSC – Modern Foreign Languages

Spiritual

At The King's School, we believe that through the study of languages, we can nurture the spiritual development of our children by accepting and embracing other languages and cultures.

The study of foreign languages encourages developing a sense of curiosity and empathy. This gives them the opportunity to consider 'identity' and what it means to them and others. Children explore emotions through language, reflect on different uses of language and they are often given the opportunity to use their imagination and creativity in groups and pair work. Teaching Modern Foreign Languages promotes self-esteem by developing pupils' confidence; pupils are encouraged to: try new things including performing in front of their peers which promotes appreciation and support; exercise peer-coaching, and work as part of a team.

Moral

Through exploring a foreign country's culture and history, children will gain an understanding of the motivations that thrived people during key historical event. That will lead to group conversations on moral questions and exploring different perspectives before discussing what we think might be right or wrong and the choices made by famous historical figures.

Stereotypes and intolerance are challenged as our learners are taught to show respect for others' cultures and language.

Social

Teaching Modern Foreign Languages supports social development by encouraging pupils to work proactively and co-operatively in pairs and groups. Pupils are encouraged to experiment with language and learn from their mistakes. They are encouraged to be compassionate and supportive of each other while cooperating with others. In lessons, pupils are expected to use each other as learning tools and develop social strategies for giving and responding to feedback in consideration of our school values.

Cultural

The teaching of Modern Foreign Languages supports children's development by deepening their awareness and understanding of our multilingual and multicultural world which links to the values of love and compassion.

Exploration of culture is crucial to language learning. By respectfully exploring the habits and lives of people coming from different backgrounds, children will develop a sense of empathy and understanding.

Students are encouraged to be empathetic to the cultures and traditions of others and stereotypes are challenged where necessary. Children are encouraged to embrace differences at all stages of their linguistic development through lessons, celebrations of typical foreign traditions, assemblies, reading multilingual books and attending multilingual after school clubs.