



Scampton Church of England Primary School

POLICY FOR THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES - GERMAN

Introduction

The chosen Modern Foreign Language taught at Scampton CE Primary School is German. Our school feeds in to a number of secondary schools with differing languages taught from Year 7. By learning a language in Primary School, children will gain an appreciation for different cultures and languages that may lead to more proficient skills being learnt in adulthood to support careers and communication with other around the world.

Scampton has a historic connection with the Mohnesee area in Germany (Dambusters Raid of 1943) and has strong links with schools in that area. As such, year on year there are opportunities to engage with students and adults in that area through peace and friendship projects. Children then have a purpose for this learning.

With effect from September 2025 the school will be following the Reading University Scheme of Work for German which builds on the learning from the previous two years. Relationships with German Schools will remain.

Intent (How we have planned our German Curriculum)

Our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum has been in place since September 2023. All junior pupils have therefore started at the same starting point. For the first two years of teaching, learning from Year A has been reinforced and taught to new learners in Year B:

- German is taught as a discrete subject however where opportunities arise to link learning to other subjects/projects, this should be celebrated and encouraged.
- We want pupils to learn sufficient skills in the language to start a conversation and know basic language they could use with a penpal.
- We want pupils to have basic knowledge that may enable them to have the foundations required to pick up elements of spoken language when listening to it.
- Each year, some vocabulary and language may be determined by the activities available through our partnership with our German friends.

Implementation (How we teach our German Curriculum)

When teaching German, teachers should take into account the following principles:

- Learning should be fun so that it is memorable to pupils. Delivery and experiences should be exciting and of a high standard. Children should be encouraged to use the teaching throughout everyday for their benefit and for others.
- Units of work in Phase 2 and Phase 3 will be taught at the same time to aid monitoring and support between classes.
- German should be allocated time equivalent to a weekly lesson. In the summer term there should be opportunity to consolidate learning from the year.
- Lessons should be knowledge and vocabulary rich.
- Constant reference to the school's statement of uniqueness, values and curriculum drivers should be made.
- Work should be recorded in a German big book for the whole class.

Impact (How we know that children are learning and making progress)

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Evidence of progress by pupils can be seen by Speaking with pupils and through termly curriculum conversations between professionals.