









How we teach Polish

'Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high quality language education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.' (The National Curriculum)

At The Abbey Catholic Primary School - pupils are taught Polish by a native Polish speaker who has expert knowledge.

Polish is now the most commonly spoken non-native language in England and Wales. According to census data released by the Office for National Statistics more then half a milion people now speak Polish as their first language. The decision to choose Polish as our modern foreign language is unique to our context and reflects the changing nature of the United Kingdom.

We want to motivate our pupils to take an active part in lessons and use their new skills proudly and confidently. The Polish curriculum is presented in an exciting and creative way and and ensure that pupils:

Understand and respond to spoken language (pupils are given lots of opportunity in lessons to verbally practice their Polish),

Write at various lengths in Polish for different audiences,

Discover and develop an appreciation of range of writing in Polish.

Duo-lingo membership allows pupils to undertake additional self study.





Progression of learning MFL across KS2

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
Grammar	Grammar complexities are taught, when required, through conversation, reading and writing. The difference in the written					
	alphabet is acknowledged and is complex, so is taught at an appropriate level across KS2. Patterns of the language are explored					
	through all lessons in order to build sentences both orally and written.					
Listening and understanding	Students can listen to speech	Students listen to speech	Students can follow speech	Students can understand a		
	which is very slow and	which is slow and carefully	which is slow and carefully	larger vocabulary in familiar		
	carefully articulated	articulated (repeated at least	articulated (repeated at least	situations.		
	(repeated at least five times),	five times), with long pauses	three times), with pauses for	Students can understand the		
	with long pauses for the pupils	for the pupils to assimilate	the pupils to assimilate	main points in short, clear		
	to assimilate meaning.	meaning.	meaning.	simple messages.		
	Call and response method is	Call and response method is	Students can understand	Children are introduced to		
	used to demonstrate	used to demonstrate	basic phrases focused on	familiar songs / stories /		
	understanding.	understanding.	action.	rhymes in Polish, which they		
	Students can understand a	Students can understand a	Call and response method is	will learn and perform.		
	few familiar words and	few familiar words and	used to demonstrate	·		
	phrases.	phrases (e.g. descriptions,	understanding and for			
	Children are introduced to	instructions).	pronunciation and intonation			
	familiar songs / stories /	Children are introduced to	purposes.			
	rhymes in Polish.	familiar songs / stories /	Children are introduced to			
	,	rhymes in Polish.	familiar songs / stories /			
		•	rhymes in Polish, which they			
			will learn and be able to			
			perform.			
Speaking	Children have the opportunity	Children have the opportunity	Students can name actions,	Students are able to have a		
	to work individually, in pairs	to work individually, in pairs	talk about abilities (What is	short conversation and		
	and in whole class situations.	and in whole class situations.	he/she doing? She/he ising	dialogues. (for example a trip		
			What are you doing?	to the local Polish shop)		





	Students can introduce	Students can ask and answer	They are able to offer	Further vocabulary related to
	themselves to a partner or	simple questions (What is	opinions regarding the actions	items of clothing are
	the whole class and respond to	this? It's a, Please can I	that are being described.	introduced, with children
	introductions (simple	have? Children are beginning	Choral responses are used to	being able to explain what
	conversations), use polite	to be able to hold a	introduce new vocabulary.	people are wearing.
	words, name some parts of	conversation using familiar		Correct pronunciation and
	the body, count from 1-10 and	vocabulary.	Correct pronunciation and	intonation is an expectation.
	share some information and	Students can sing some	intonation is a focus.	
	facts about Poland.	songs/rhymes.		
	Choral responses are	Choral responses are		
	developed as new vocabulary	developed as new vocabulary is		
	is introduced.	introduced.		
	Correct pronunciation and	Correct pronunciation and		
	intonation is introduced.	intonation is a developing		
		focus.		
Writing	Students can copy/write	Students can write single	Students can write single	Students can independently
	single words eg. names of the	words, short phrases and with	words, short phrases and	write short, simple texts (e.g.
	family members.	support simple sentences.	simple sentences.	dialogues)
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	Dual language dictionaries and	Dual language dictionaries and	Using the appropriate	Using the appropriate
	APPs are used to support the	APPs are used to support the	sentence structure children	sentence structure children
	independent writing.	independent writing.	will develop their own	will develop their own
		·	sentences.	sentences.
	Scaffolds are used to aid	Scaffolds are available to aid		
	their writing.	their writing.	Dual language dictionaries and	Dual language dictionaries and
			APPs are used to support the	APPs are used to support the
			independent writing.	independent writing.
			If required, scaffolds are	If required, scaffolds are
			used to aid their writing.	used to aid their writing.
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Reading	Students can recognise and	Students can recognise and	Students can understand and	Students can independently	
	read out letters of the Polish	read out familiar words and	read out familiar names,	understand and read out	
	alphabet including those with	phrases (e.g. labels and	words, and simple sentences.	short, simple texts (e.g.	
	diacritics (a, ę eg. proszę,	instructions).	E.g. He is drinking, she is	dialogues)	
	dziękuję). Students can		reading, he is writing etc.		
	recognise and read those	Every lesson there are		Every lesson there are	
	words.	opportunities to read dialogue	Every lesson there are	opportunities to read dialogue	
		in order to put it into	opportunities to read dialogue	in order to put it into	
	Every lesson there are	conversation.	in order to put it into	conversation.	
	opportunities to read dialogue		conversation.		
	in order to put it into	Dual language stories are		Dual language stories are	
	conversation.	shared.	Dual language stories are	shared.	
	Dual language stories are		shared.		
	shared.				
Assessment	Formative assessment is used	Formative assessment is used	Formative assessment is used	Formative assessment is used	
	throughout all areas.	throughout all areas.	throughout all areas.	throughout all areas.	
	As some families in school are	As some families in school are	As some families in school are	As some families in school are	
	native polish speakers there	native polish speakers there	native polish speakers there	native polish speakers there	
	are lots of informal	are lots of informal	are lots of informal	are lots of informal	
	opportunities for children to	opportunities for children to	opportunities for children to	opportunities for children to	
	practise their oral rehearsal.	practise their oral rehearsal.	practise their oral rehearsal.	practise their oral rehearsal.	
Children with Polish Heritage	Challenges appropriate to their ability are implemented for those children of Polish heritage. There is a wide range of abilities				
	within this group. For example, some families speak polish at home – so these children may have their understanding extended by				
	writing a paragraph using the vocabulary relevant to the lesson, whereas others (who do not regularly speak polish) may be				
	challenged to find different vocabulary to put into a sentence.				





Our Strengths

- A unique MFL
- Language Centre established in school with a rich display of Polish Language, iPads with duolingo apps, dual language books, Oxford Essential Polish Dictionaries, visual Polish English dictionaries with audio app and the new sign on the door.
- Creating community links within the school and wider community.
- Involving parents
- Celbrating Catholic, Polish traditions such as Fat Thursday
- Enthusiasm from pupils (Our Polish speakers feel that their language is being valued and proud that their non-Polish speaking peers are learning their language and our non Polish speaking children are proud to speak Polish and have the opportunity to rehearse and use in real life situations)
- Our SEN children in each year band (Y3 Y6) show engagement and enjoyment.
- Abbey Twitter with #MFL with video and photos from Polish Lessons documenting a broad range of the MFL curriculum.
- Progression of learning.





Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Expectations:-

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.