

Modern Foreign Languages

'The limits of my language are the limits of my world'

What does progress look like in French and Spanish?

- Pupils focus on the four key skills of language learning: listening, reading, speaking and writing. At SGCHS we group these into those skills needed for understanding (listening and reading) and those needed to communicate (speaking and writing)
- Pupils will progress from word and simple sentence level through to the ability to understand and communicate complex ideas and opinions in extended 'texts'
- They will need to be able to speak and write accurately from memory and translate into and out of French or Spanish as they progress towards GCSE
- Pupils will also explore the culture, history and geography of France and Spain and will be looking at poetry and literature of these countries

How will my child's progress be assessed in MFL?

- Pupils progress will be measured against our 'Progression Map' which you will find in your child's book
- Feedback in their books will tell them how to make the next steps in their learning
- More formal tests will take place in each of the four skills, helping them to see where they are up to in their learning and allowing them to practise the skills they will need to pass their GCSEs

What can I do to help my child to make progress in MFL?

- Encourage your child to learn new words and grammar regularly – look, cover, write, say, check is a great method
- Listen to your child read aloud to build their confidence with pronunciation – they will be given 'Top Tips for Pronunciation' by their teacher
- Encourage your child to read for pleasure in French and Spanish. We have many books in the LRC and pupils will be very familiar with the skills they need to understand unfamiliar texts
- If possible, provide them with a bilingual dictionary or access to online word references – these are a fantastic way to encourage your child to be independent and creative!