

Modern Foreign Languages at Weston Secondary School

What is MFL?

Modern Foreign Languages is a school curriculum subject in England. At Weston Secondary, we focus on learning either French or Spanish language and cultural studies. MFL is studied by all students in Year 7, 8 and 9. Students can then choose to continue with a language in Year 10 and 11 as one of their GCSE option choices.

What is included in a MFL lesson?

Students are taught through the 3 pillars of Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar and through a series of themes, such as **Talking about myself, Superheroes, Art appreciation and My school, my routine** to name a few. Lessons entail of a variety of activities which include singing, games, word searches, translations and speaking and writing challenges. At the end of the lesson, there is a short quiz which helps teachers and the students monitor progress and understanding.

What have Year 7 been looking at during Autumn term?

Not many of Year 7s started the year knowing much French at all! Now, just over a term later, they can talk about their pets, describe themselves and their family and give detailed descriptions of their favourite Superheroes. The students also produced some amazing booklets with their favourite Superheroes descriptions which are proudly displayed in our classrooms.

Breakdown of topics studied in Year 7:

- Greetings and introductions
- Colours and pencil case objects
- Pets
- Family
- Self-description
- Superheroes
- My school, my routine
- My favourite hobbies
- Where I live, my dream house
- Art and cultural appreciation

What do we offer outside the standard MFL curriculum?

We offer a variety of opportunities, including a penpal exchange with students in France and Spain, lunchtime film club, languages competitions, Languages Ambassadors and the opportunity to visit France or Spain in Year 9.