

An insight into Modern Foreign Language within the Early Years at Glynwood



How does Modern Foreign Language link to the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile?

Communication and Language – Listening and Attention

Early Learning

Goal

Children listen attentively in a range of situations.

They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.

Communication and Language – Understanding

Early Learning Goal

Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.

Communication and Language – Speaking

Early Learning Goal

Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

Understanding the World – People and Communities

Early Learning Goal

Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.

How does Modern Foreign Language look within the Early Years classrooms? These are some of the things you might see which link Modern Foreign Language.

- ♥ Children developing the ability to effectively communicate in their own language.
- ♥ Children gaining social confidence when speaking with others. For example, in 'planning' and 'review' times where children are encouraged to listen to others and to ask questions or make comments which link to what is being discussed.
- ♥ Children exploring a variety of resources which spark interest in the world around them. Children might look at a globe, map or books about other cultures and places within their play.
- ♥ Children developing an understanding of their own culture through discussions with other children and with staff.
- ♥ Children taking part in 'Modern Foreign Language' Day in which they learn about and experience some traditions linking to French culture.
- ♥ Children learning some basic French language which can be used on a day-to-day basis such as how to say 'hello' or 'thank you'.

Please feel welcome to visit the Nursery and Reception classrooms to look at some of these things in action – we love to have visitors! If you would like to access the children's learning journey's to see evidence of your subject within the early years, please come and ask – we will be more than happy to show you.