MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES PROGRESSION OF SKILLS

	National Curriculum Objectives	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening	 Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language. 	Listen to and enjoy short stories, nursery rhymes & songs. Recognise familiar words and short phrases covered in the units taught.	Learn to listen to longer passages and understand more of what we hear by picking out key words and phrases covered in current and previous units.	Listen more attentively and for longer. Understand more of what we hear even when some of the language may be unfamiliar by using the decoding skills we have developed.	Listen to longer text and more authentic foreign language material. Learn to pick out cognates and familiar words and learn to 'gist listen' even when hearing language that has not been taught or covered.
Speaking	 Engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others. Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand. Present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences. 	Communicate with others using simple words and short phrases covered in the units. Build up a bank of core vocabulary that they can relate to and re-use in the foreign language	Communicate with others with improved confidence and accuracy. Learn to ask and answer questions based on the language covered in the units and incorporate a negative reply if and when required.	Communicate on a wider range of topics and themes. Remember and recall a range of vocabulary with increased knowledge, confidence and spontaneity.	Learn to recall previously learnt language and recycle / incorporate it with new language with increased speed and spontaneity. Engage in short conversations on familiar topics, responding with opinions and justifications where appropriate.

Writing	 Write phrases from memory, adapt these to create new sentences to express ideas clearly. Explore the patterns and sounds of language linking the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Describe people, places things and actions orally and in writing. 	Write familiar words & short phrases using a model or vocabulary list. (EG: 'I play the piano'. 'I like apples')	Write some short phrases based on familiar topics and begin to use connectives/conjunctions and the negative form where appropriate. (EG: My name, where I live and my age)	Write a paragraph using familiar language incorporating connectives/conjunctions, a negative response and adjectival agreement where required. Learn to manipulate the language and be able to substitute words for suitable alternatives. (EG: My name, my age, where I live, a pet I have, a pet I don't have and my pet's name.)	Write a piece of text using language from a variety of units covered and learn to adapt any models provided to show solid understanding of any grammar covered. Also start to incorporate conjugated verbs and learn to be comfortable using connectives/conjunctions, adjectives and possessive adjectives. (EG: A presentation or description of a typical school day including subjects, time and opinions)
Reading	 Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing. Broaden their vocabulary and develop the ability to understand new words they are introduced to in written material, including through using a dictionary. 	Read familiar words and short phrases accurately by applying knowledge from 'Phonics Lesson 1'. Understand the meaning in English of short words I read in the foreign language.	Read aloud short pieces of text applying knowledge learnt from 'Phonics Lessons 1 & 2'. Understand most of what we read in the foreign language when it is based on familiar language.	Increase our knowledge of phonemes and letter strings using knowledge learnt from 'Phonics Lessons 1 to 3'. Understand longer passages in the foreign language and start to decode meaning of unknown words using cognates and context.	Be able to tackle unknown language with increased accuracy by applying knowledge learnt from 'Phonics Lessons 1 to 4' including awareness of accents, silent letters etc. Decode unknown language using bilingual dictionaries.
Grammar	- Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied.	Start to understand the concept of noun gender and the use of articles. Use the first person singular version of high frequency verbs. (EG: 'l like' 'l play' 'l am called')	Better understand the concept of gender and which articles to use for meaning. (EG: 'the', 'a' or 'some') Introduce simple adjectival agreement (EG: adjectival agreement when describing nationality), the negative form and possessive adjectives. (EG: 'In my pencil case I have' or 'In my pencil case I do not have')	Revision of gender and nouns and learn to use and recognise the terminology of articles (EG: definite, indefinite and partitive). Understand better the rules of adjectival agreement and possessive adjectives. Start to explore full verb conjugation (EG: 'I wear', 'he/she wears' and also be able to describe clothes in terms of colour EG: 'My blue coat')	Consolidate our understanding of gender and nouns, use of the negative, adjectival agreement and possessive adjectives (EG: which subjects like at school and also which subjects do not like). Become familiar with a wider range of connectives/conjunctions and more confident with full verb conjugation - both regular and irregular. (EG: 'to go', 'to do', 'to have' and 'to be'.)