

Mandarin

Purpose (Intent):

Mandarin Chinese has been selected as our modern foreign language at New City Primary. With over 60 different languages spoken from children within our school, we feel Mandarin is the most beneficial for setting up our students for success in the future. Being the most spoken language in the world, Mandarin will prepare our students for success in a global capacity and unlock our students' potential in an increasingly connected world. Learning Mandarin will improve language, communication skills as well as transferable skills that can be applied to cross-curricular topics such as sound, music, art, mathematics, history, geography, and PSHCE. Using a variety of skills activates more regions of the brain and improves overall cognitive development in children. Learning Mandarin not only challenges children's minds, it also teaches them understanding, encourages patience, and fosters open-mindedness towards learning.

Aims (Implementation):

- To develop practical communication in Mandarin by providing opportunities to respond to spoken and written language in different ways, to express ideas and opinions, and ask questions about familiar topics.
- To encourage children to listen attentively and read in Mandarin for personal interest, enjoyment, information, to develop an appreciation for stories, songs, poems from another culture
- To promote links across the curriculum to enable learning to be exciting, creative, fun and to encourage an awareness of the wider world through authentic sources.

Outcomes (Impact):

Children engage in their learning and become confident and independent to communicate in another language, discussing a new culture and history. In addition to strengthening students' ability to communicate, learning Mandarin develops their awareness of how language and culture interconnect, helping them appreciate and respect the diversity of British society as well as fostering the enjoyment and pleasure of learning an alternative language.