

## Key Concepts for Languages

### Milestone 1 (optionalKS1)

### Milestone 2 (Y3\Y4)

### Milestone 3 (Y5\Y6)

#### Read fluently

This concept involves recognising key vocabulary and phrases.

- Read out loud everyday words and phrases.
- Use phonic (or logographic in Mandarin) knowledge to read words.
- Read and understand short written phrases.
- Read out loud familiar words and phrases.
- Use books or glossaries to find out the meanings of new words.

• Read and understand the main points in short written texts.

- Read short texts independently.
- Use a translation dictionary or glossary to look up new words.

• Read and understand the main points and some of the detail in short written texts.

- Use the context of a sentence or a translation dictionary to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.
- Read and understand the main points and opinions in written texts from various contexts, including present, past or future events.
- Show confidence in reading aloud, and in using reference materials.

#### Write imaginatively

This concept involves using key vocabulary and phrases to write ideas.

- Write or copy everyday words correctly.
- Label items and choose appropriate words to complete short sentences.
- Write one or two short sentences.
- Write short phrases used in everyday conversations correctly.

• Write a few short sentences using familiar expressions.

- Express personal experiences and responses.
- Write short phrases from memory with spelling that is readily understandable.

• Write short texts on familiar topics.

- Use knowledge of grammar (or pitch in Mandarin) to enhance or change the meaning of phrases.
- Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.
- Refer to recent experiences or future plans, as well as to everyday activities.
- Include imaginative and adventurous word choices.
- Convey meaning (although there may be some mistakes, the meaning can be understood with little or no difficulty).
- Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.

**Speak confidently**

This concept involves using key vocabulary and phrases to verbally communicate ideas.

- Understand a range of spoken phrases.
- Understand standard language (sometimes asking for words or phrases to be repeated).
- Answer simple questions and give basic information.
- Give responses to questions about everyday events.
- Pronounce words showing a knowledge of sound (or pitch in Mandarin) patterns.

- Understand the main points from spoken passages.
- Ask others to repeat words or phrases if necessary.
- Ask and answer simple questions and talk about interests.
- Take part in discussions and tasks.
- Demonstrate a growing vocabulary.

- Understand the main points and opinions in spoken passages.
- Give a short prepared talk that includes opinions.
- Take part in conversations to seek and give information.
- Refer to recent experiences or future plans, everyday activities and interests.
- Vary language and produce extended responses.
- Be understood with little or no difficulty.

**Understand the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken**

This concept involves the background knowledge and cultural capital needed to infer meaning from interaction

- Identify countries and communities where the language is spoken.
- Demonstrate some knowledge and understanding of the customs and features of the countries or communities where the language is spoken.
- Show awareness of the social conventions when speaking to someone.

- Describe with some interesting details some aspects of countries or communities where the language is spoken.
- Make comparisons between life in countries or communities where the language is spoken and this country.

- Give detailed accounts of the customs, history and culture of the countries and communities where the language is spoken.
- Describe, with interesting detail, some similarities and differences between countries and communities where the language is spoken and this country.