**MFL at Foundation Stage and KS1**

A whole school approach to MFL is desirable, and although languages at Foundation Stage and KS1 are not statutory, many schools introduce MFL from the age of 4.

The aims of learning a foreign language at Foundation Stage/KS1 are the same for those at KS2:

* Foster an interest in learning another language
* Introduce young learners to a different rich language environment in a way that is enjoyable and fun
* Stimulate and encourage learner’s curiosity about language
* Encourage learners to be aware that language has structure and that structures differ from one language to another
* Help learners to understand cultural differences in other countries
* Develop their speaking and listening skills

A scheme of work for MFL at Foundation Stage/KS1 should complement a scheme of work for MFL at KS2, which will re-visit previous learning, but be less formal and concentrate mainly on speaking and listening.