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## Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Policy

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At Highfield we believe that introducing young children to the language, culture and diversity of different countries and cultures has a positive impact on their learning. It will enable children to learn about, and foster an interest in, another language and culture – other than their own and understand that the world around us is tolerant of and embraces difference. Language learning stimulates children's creativity and enables them to develop personal qualities, skills, knowledge and understanding, can make a major contribution to their communication and literacy skills and raise awareness of other cultures through intercultural understanding.

We will also give families with children with English as an additional language (EAL) the opportunity to share their knowledge, experience and understanding of living in a different part of the world.

#### The Curriculum

The children will be exposed to the spoken and written forms of additional languages throughout their time at Highfield, including but not exhaustive:

- Watching the Muzzy series of cartoons
- Saying hello in a variety of languages
- EAL children and their first language displayed in the entrance
- Displays annotated in a range of different languages
- Eating food from a range of cultures
- Celebrating important festivals throughout the year (including Diwali and Chinese New Year)
- Encouraging parents to share songs from their cultures
- Children share trips to other countries when they've come home from holiday