

Year 8 Russian Curriculum



In Year 8 you will learn the language (vocabulary and grammar) by developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the topic areas listed below. As part of the course, your knowledge of the cultural life in Russia will give you a better understanding of how people live there.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following skills:

- **In Listening & Reading:** Understanding key classroom commands, recognising the present tense, understanding longer passages containing opinions and justifications with both familiar and unfamiliar language from authentic sources.
- **In Speaking & Writing:** Responding to a range of questions including the present and immediate future tense, developing longer answers/sentences using connectives and time phrases and including descriptions, opinions and justifications.
- **Translation:** Translating familiar sentences and short paragraphs into both Russian and English.
- **Pronunciation:** Developing the accuracy of pronunciation and intonation.

You will explore the following **key topics**:

The alphabet (handwritten + printed), Numbers 1 – 100, classroom language, introductions, classroom language, family, animals, food + drink, shopping, sport, transport, my area

You will come across the following **cultural aspects** throughout the year:

- The Cyrillic alphabet
- Christmas/New Year celebrations
- Shrove Week
- Easter
- Russian songs

You will practise the following **grammar points** throughout the year:

- Phonics
- Nouns and their gender
- Personal pronouns
- 3 present tense verbs
- Immediate future tense
- Prepositions and the locative case
- Using 'на' and 'в'
- 'stress'
- To have
- Spelling rule,
- 'а → y' rule

Use the checklist below to ensure that your answers are successful:

- ✓ 1. Use a wide range of vocabulary
- ✓ 2. Regular learning of topic specific language
- ✓ 3. Include new grammar structures in your work
- ✓ 4. Check spelling
- ✓ 5. Develop and extend sentences with connectives
- ✓ 6. Recognise and use different opinions
- ✓ 7. Justify your opinions
- ✓ 8. Structure your work clearly
- ✓ 9. Use your knowledge of language patterns
- ✓ 10. Identify and use cognates in your work
- ✓ 11. Include a variety of adverbs
- ✓ 12. Learn and apply your knowledge of the present tense and opinions with an infinitive

Your teacher may refer to these numbers to help you to improve your work

Your teacher will assess your level throughout the year looking at both your class and homework, and you will have short spelling and vocab tests.

Your teacher will assess your work in the following skills:

Listening
Speaking
Reading
Writing