

## Year 9 Russian Curriculum



In Year 9 you will build on the language (vocabulary and grammar) you have learnt in Year 8 by continuing to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the topic areas listed below. As part of the course, you will also increase your knowledge of Russian cultural life, mostly through independent research tasks.

Your skills will develop in the following areas:

**In Listening & Reading:** understanding longer statements and texts, which may combine language from different topics and different time frames; responding to authentic texts containing some unfamiliar language; dealing with a variety of types of texts and question styles.

**In Speaking & Writing:** responding to a range of questions in different tenses; developing longer sentences using connectives, time phrases, opinions and justifications; formulating questions; dealing with everyday situations through role-play.

**Translation:** translating sentences and short paragraphs into both Russian and English.

**Pronunciation:** developing accurate pronunciation and intonation.

You will work on these **topics**:

free time; weather + seasons; months + dates; school; countries; holiday destinations, accommodation and activities; TV

You will explore the following **cultural aspects** during Year 9:

- Russian music
- Shrove week and pancakes
- The seasons in Russia
- Russian schools
- Typical holidays and the 'dacha'

You will learn and then practise these **grammar points** during the year:

- Present tense verbs, including reflexives
- Past tense verbs
- When to use an infinitive
- The 'compound' future

Use the checklist below to ensure that your work is of a high standard:

- ✓ 1. Understand and use a wide range of vocabulary
- ✓ 2. Check spelling
- ✓ 3. Develop and extend sentences with connectives
- ✓ 4. Vary your opinion words
- ✓ 5. Justify your opinions
- ✓ 6. For writing, structure your work clearly in paragraphs
- ✓ 7. Apply your knowledge of the different tenses
- ✓ 8. Use language patterns for guidance
- ✓ 9. Include new grammar structures in your work
- ✓ 10. In reading and listening, identify cognates and near-cognates

Your progress will be assessed by a combination of

- Class work tasks
- Home work tasks
- Spelling tests
- End-of-year exams

Your teacher will assess your work in the following skills:  
Listening  
Speaking  
Reading  
Writing