

7 German Curriculum



In Year 7 you will begin to learn the German language with building blocks of Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar so that you will gradually be able to speak and write German accurately. Your German Learner Guide contains everything you are learning and you can refer to it any time. You will also find out about German culture, Germany and its people.

| Phonics | Vocabulary | Grammar |
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| You will learn the German sounds and how they are written. You will learn and practise the SSCs (sound spelling correspondence) week by week. | Your German Language Guide has all the vocabulary you will learn this year and it is based on the most frequent words in the German language. | This is how we link all the words together to make meaning and say what we want to say. |

You will find out about these aspects of German culture:

- Key facts about Germany
- comparing lifestyles
- getting to know each other
- Christmas, Easter and Karneval in Germany
- Starting school and the 'Schultüte'
- German songs, poems and tongue twisters
 - Life in a German school (we have a partner school in Germany and we will do projects with the students



You will practise these language skills:

| Listening | : to your teacher, to recorded texts, to each other |
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| Speaking | : practising pronunciation, asking and answering |
| Reading Writing Translation | questions, giving opinions : words, sentences, short texts, printed and handwritten : spelling, forming sentences, creating dialogues : from English to German and German to English |

Your teacher will **assess your progress** through your class work (spoken and written) and home work. You will sometimes have tests on learning home works. You will also reflect on your own progress and set targets.



Top tips for success

Once you've learnt the SSC's, keep practising them. Also learn **vocabulary** very regularly. 'Little and often' is what works: perhaps 5 words twice a week using your German Learner Guide. These 7 ways of memorising words help many learners:

- Make flashcards
- Invent rhymes and raps
- Teach the words to someone els
- Stick up 'word' post-its where you will see them everyday
- Take part in the Spelling Bee
- Think about each word: what does it remind you of?
- Quizlet: your Learner Guide has all the QR codes for fast access.

Use this checklist to ensure that your German shows progress through the year:

- Have you identified letters carefully and used capital letters where required?
- Is your pronunciation / spelling good?
- Have you expressed opinions?
- Have you extended some sentences with connectives?
- Have you checked the grammar of your sentences?



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