What is Discovering Language (DL)?

...an alternative approach to

KS2 language teaching and learning:

- DL proposes that KS2 language programmes will be enriched and facilitated by following a multilingual model with strong links to English
- Pupils will be prepared for a global world and enter KS3 with a strong linguistic foundation in several languages
- Non-specialist KS2 teachers will not have to teach any language to too high a level
- Lessons can be supported by quality resources with native speaker voices: see DL resources suggestions
- Rigorous progression can be followed in the sequenced acquisition of key language strategies and knowledge
- A 'substantial level' can be reached in the final Y5/6 language
- Mixed age planning issues are addressed and supported
- Optional DL language awareness units support links across languages and with English, generating 'sticky knowledge'
- Transition will be strengthened and simplified by a TRANSITION PORTFOLIO
- ALL DL materials freely available online: www.discovering language.co.uk

Preparing a future global citizen



Schools can choose languages according to staff strengths, available resources and curriculum & community needs



DISCOVERING LANGUAGE: example of a broad four language model ...



Progression through a sequenced development of increasingly complex language skills, strategies and knowledge

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Languages chosen considering:	Y3	Y4		Y5		Y5	Y6		Y7
staffing, curriculum,	Choose a phonetica	lly Choose a lan	guage	One or more terms of		Up to five terms of			Transition
community,	regular language e	g to contrast wi	th Y3 eg	non-Roman script		French or Spanish		E-portfolio	
resources, transition	Spanish or Italia	n German or	Latin	e.g. Mandarin, Russian,		reaching a 'substantial level'		showing:	
mixed-age planning					e, Community				Key language skills
Suggested	SOUND, WORD,	SOUND, WORD	SOUND, WORD & PHRASE			EVEL SOUND, WORD, PHRASE, SENTENCE, TEX		TEXT	& knowledge of
language	SHORT PHRASE	 greetings, nar 	• greetings, names, ages, d		g on complexity	 greetings, self-description, 0 to 100+ 			grammatical
content	 greetings, names, 		U-51, COIOUIS, Gales		Roman script	 nouns, adjectives, colours, gender 			features and
Content	ages, 0-12, colours		TIEPATIVE, PETITIET,		cs if relevant	Q & A, negatives, plurals			
1.1 11 1.1	 simple nouns, 	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	prioriemes, cognates		ngs, names	opinions, dates etc.		patterns eg.parts of speech	
with linguistic	cognates, phonem	<u> </u>	• Houri and adjectives		numbers colours		simple verb forms, connectives		• gender
progression	cultural knowledg	'	Q & A CONVERSACIONS, I		aujectival agreement, word order,			agreement	
Y3-Y6	and activities		IIKE ODITIONS		e verbs	Tallillar & Toutille Tobics		agreementword order	
	active approaches		viedge and	•	al knowledge		_		phonics
	e.g. songs, stories	activities			ctivities	 More dictional 	ry inci. online		
	• first dictionary							memory strategies	
Mixed age	See DL website for rolling programme suggestions ensuring no language repetition							dictionary skills	
planning * link	and progressive linguistic challenges for older pupils, returning to a class with new, younger pupils.							uictionally skills	
	_ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ns, Beowulf, Old English, I	Latin, German	ic,	_		acters, runes, symbols	v.	Pupils come to Y7
Curriculum	Romance word origins a	-	Landon a		phonics, hieroglyphs, Romance word origins, cognates,				from a range of
links	History: Anglo Saxons, Vikings, Romans, Mayans, Indus Geography: Europe & S. America; climate zones & rivers e.g. Amaz Art: great artists RE: festivals and traditions Music & Drama: age-appropriate cultural links			- Carlotte and the Carlotte			ntions	KS2 models with:	
IIIKS				Geography regions in Europe or S. America, rivers, climate zones Art: great artists, calligraphy RE: festivals and traditions				 no single 	
								language taken	
					Music & Drama: age-appropriate cultural links				too high a level
English	Y1 Y		Y3		Y4	Y5	Y6		 a strong
Building on prior		oun, noun phrase,	preposition,		determiner	modal verb,	subject, object,		linguistic
learning		tatement, question,	conjunction,		pronoun,	relative pronou		-	foundation
 Revisiting and 	<u>'</u> '' '	xclamation, command ompound, adjective,	word family, clause, direc		possessive pronoun,	relative clause,	active, passive, ellipsis, hypher		a developing
reinforcing	<u> </u>	erb, suffix, adverb,	consonant, v		adverbial	cohesion, ambi			interest in world
 Liaising with 		ense (past / present)	inverted con			bracket, dash	bullet points	,	languages &
English teaching	exclamation mark a	postrophe, comma							 potential for greater
Discovering	COMMUNICATION LITERACY LINKS PATTERNS GRAMMAR								motivation and
Language	Optional sequenced support units making links across languages and with English							KS4 uptake	
Support Units	——————————————————————————————————————							aptane	
(free online* link)	DL Progression = making connections reducing insularity								





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Suggested language content with linguistic progression Y3-Y6	sound, word, short phrase greetings, names, ages, 0-12, colour simple nouns, cognates, phoner cultural knowled, and activities active approaches e.g. songs, stories	 greetings, nan 0-31, colours, negative, gend phonemes, cones noun and adjection of the phonemes of	mes, ages, dates der, ggnates ectives sations, 'I us vledge and	dependin of non- chara phoni greeti numb nouns simple	NT & LEVEL g on complexity Roman script cters, symbols cs if relevant ngs, names ers, colours g, gender e verbs al knowledge ctivities	 SOUND, WORD, PHRASE, SENTENCE, TEXT greetings, self-description, 0 to 100+ nouns, adjectives, colours, gender Q & A, negatives, plurals opinions, dates etc. simple verb forms, connectives adjectival agreement, word order, familiar & routine topics cultural knowledge and activities More dictionary incl. online 			
Mixed age planning * link	See DL website for rolling programme suggestions ensuring no language repetition and progressive linguistic challenges for older pupils, returning to a class with new, younger pupils.							strategies dictionary skills	
Sticky knowledge (non language specific) See DL support units for teaching links	 We can communicate with words or gestures We may see familiar words in other languages Grammar terms (from English) can be used again Phonics can be similar or different; word order may change Numbers, dates, months etc often have familiar patterns We can develop ways to remember new words eg songs, rhythm, cognates, rhymes, mnemonics Gender is an interesting concept :lost to English! 			 Not all languages use Roman script. Non Roman scripts can be phonetic, ideographs or a combination Grammar knowledge can be transferred to non Roman scripts What we know about other langs helps with a new one: look for the familiar, patterns, gender, word order, parts of speech, language families Gender, agreement, verb tenses are v. important New memory strats = written clues, dictionaries, All these strategies and knowledge can be transferred to any language: yes we speak English but language learning is exciting and vital! 			Pupils come to Y7 from a range of KS2 models with: no single language taken too high a level		
English Building on prior learning Revisiting and reinforcing Liaising with English teaching	Y1 letter, word, sentence, singular, plural, capital letter punctuation, full stop, question mark,	noun, noun phrase, statement, question, exclamation, command compound, adjective, verb, suffix, adverb, tense (past / present) apostrophe, comma	y3 preposition, conjunction word family clause, direc consonant, inverted con	, , prefix, ct speech vowel,	Y4 determiner pronoun, possessive pronoun, adverbial	wodal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, cohesion, ambiguity bracket, dash	y6 subje syno activ ellips guity color	iect, object, onym, antonym, ve, passive, osis, hyphen, on, semicolon, et points	 a strong linguistic foundation a developing interest in world languages & potential for greater
Discovering Language Support Units (free online* link)	COMMUNICATION LITERACY LINKS PATTERNS GRAMMAR Optional sequenced support units making links across languages and with English DL Progression = making connections reducing insularity								motivation and KS4 uptake





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Discovering Language Support Units

••• a foundation in language awareness

- Supporting multilingual KS2 models or enriching single language models
- Can be taught as part of the MFL or English timetable
- Adaptable to a school's specific language choices
- Y3/4 and Y5/6 units can be adapted and 'rolled' for mixed age cohorts
- Providing revisiting and assessment opportunities for a transition portfolio

Enabling KS2 pupils to make discoveries about language



Age appropriate activities linking across languages and with English

FREE ONLINE *: Teacher's notes and PowerPoint slides

- Four progressive themes: Communication, Grammar, Vocabulary, Patterns
- 16 units: 4 per theme, providing 2-4 hours classroom time per unit
- Medium term plans with learning objectives and wider curriculum links
- Activities, games, worksheets and assessment opportunities
- Detailed language awareness teaching points to support generalist teachers
- Extension suggestions for older or higher attaining pupils

^{*} DL support units will be sequentially published online from July 2019: www.discoveringlanguage.co.uk

Discovering Language Support Units for KS2: online Oct 2019 onwards

discovering, developing and frequently revisiting key language knowledge and skills

Reinforcing the 'sticky knowledge' of language learning; extending 'interesting facts' about language supporting and enriching multilingual or monolingual models

Themes	Y3	Y4	Y 5	Y6	DL E-Portfolio				
Communication	1. SHH! Gestures Deaf Signing Active listening	4.MAMA! Baby talk 1st language learning Greetings	7. HOOK IT! Short term memory Mnemonics Learning 'hooks'	10. GOING GLOBAL! English as a global language Long term memory Language study techniques	collate Y3-Y6 Key Discoveries online soon DISCOVERY E-UNITS Ideal for Y6 summer term Whole class and pair based Decode information on environmental				
KEY DISCOVERIES	Signs and gestures support language learning	We all, already ,have language learning skills	Adaptable memory strategies help many learning contexts	Language skills are very important for a future global world					
Vocabulary	2. WORD COUSINS! First Cognates Alphabet dictionary First phonics	5. YUM! Saxons/Normans More cognates	8. ALPHA-BETA Alternative scripts	11. GOOGLE New words More cognates & phonics Online dictionary					
KEY DISCOVERIES	Cognates are fun and can help to unlock new langs. Look for phonic friends!	English is rich in cognates. Use English dictionary skills for other languages	Languages can be written in different ways: pictograms or different alphabets	New languages and new words widen our vocabulary and improve our English too!					
Patterns	3. 1-2-3 Numbers 1st look at gender Easy spelling rhymes	6. PRINCE/PRINCESS Gender Higher numbers Adjectival agreement Word order 1	9. IS a SHIP a SHE? Gender L1/2/3/L4 New number patterns More Adj agreement Word order 2	12. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Language 'Families' (Romance/ Germanic etc) Numbers, days, Months (and myths)	topics Text in mixed- Romance and Germanic languages Addressing: omotivation				
KEY DISCOVERIES	Looking for patterns helps learning(langs and other)	Agreement and word order are very important patterns	New scripts: can we still look for patterns?	Many languages come in 'families ' with similar patterns	ocuriosity oglobality Revisiting key				
Grammar	E-BOOK UNITS: using text and visuals in new languages to 'discover' parts of speech, punctuation and grammar points.								
Giaiiiiiai	Noun, article, adjective, p Unit can be adapted to o Use the same text in both link to developing English DL text (free) in Fr, Sp, Ge	ther texts n years in different languages; n grammar knowledge	Noun, article, adjective, verb Preposition, connective, conj • Unit can be adapted to ot • DL text is expanded versio • DL text (free) in Fr, Sp, Ge,	ogender, oplurals oagreement opatterns onumber, oscripts odictionary ostrategies oskills transfer					
KEY DISCOVERIES	New languages help to revisi KS1.	t parts of speech learnt in	Upper KS2 will have developing be used to decode texts in othe						