

## Did you know that...?

*All language learning should be seen as important and should be recognised and celebrated as an achievement.*

For those looking to stand out in a tough jobs market, or for graduates wanting to add oomph to their CV, learning a language could be just the thing.

More than 75% of the world's population does not speak any English.

Learning languages can be a fun and motivating experience.

Some estimate that a language can add between 10% and 15% to your wage.

As the world becomes a smaller place, the Scottish economy needs a workforce with relevant and transferrable language skills.



### For more information:

Including case studies featuring language learners in Scottish primary and secondary schools, please visit the section of the following website dedicated to parents and carers:

[www.scilt.org.uk/LearnersParents.aspx](http://www.scilt.org.uk/LearnersParents.aspx)

For more information on "A 1 + 2 Approach to Language Learning" please visit:

[www.scilt.org.uk/A12ApproachtoLanguage\\_Learning.aspx](http://www.scilt.org.uk/A12ApproachtoLanguage_Learning.aspx)



# Language Learning A 1+2 Approach

One Plus Two Languages  
for parents and carers



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## Modern Languages

The way we teach modern languages in Aberdeenshire is changing.

From August 2016, schools will be working towards the ambitious goal of every pupil learning two languages in addition to their mother tongue. They will learn a modern language from Primary 1 and an additional language from Primary 5. This is to meet the Scottish Government's policy 'Language Learning in Scotland: A 1+2 Approach'.

Primary schools are looking at ways to weave modern language learning into everyday routines and make it part and parcel of the children's learning.

In Aberdeenshire's 17 secondary schools pupils will be able to continue language learning until the end of their Broad General Education and can then pursue language National Qualifications in the Senior Phase.

Primary and secondary teachers will work together to ensure that learning languages is an appropriately challenging and rewarding experience for all learners.



*"I think it will help me in the future because I might need it for being an archaeologist."*

Primary 6 pupil, Alford Network

*"Studying languages has opened so many doors for me that would otherwise have remained shut and I know that without them, I wouldn't be where I am today."*

Hannah Ingram, former pupil of The Gordon Schools.

*"I like learning languages because I want to be a footballer when I'm older and I'll need to speak a lot of languages, and when I go on holiday I can make friends easier."*

Primary 7 pupil, Alford

## Why?

Learning languages can play an important role in helping young people to develop their literacy skills, including literacy in their first language, whether this is English or another language. Through languages, learners have opportunities to:

- Experience other languages and cultures, different to their own.
- Increase their awareness of how people live in other countries.
- Improve their overall language learning skills.
- Take part in an increasingly globalised world.
- Widen the skills that would be of interest to international employers.

## Who?

In primary schools language learning will be provided by your child's teacher. In secondary schools the teacher will be a modern language specialist.

- From time to time, in primary school, your child may also be taught by a visiting language specialist teacher.
- You may also find language assistants, young native speakers of French, Spanish and German, who come to schools to provide relevant and authentic teaching.
- Business people, parents and other language speakers from the community may work with the teacher to add to your child's language learning experience.

*"As the world gets smaller, there's never been a better opportunity to get into languages."*

Gary Lineker

## How?

### In school

- Primary teachers will be trained to incorporate a language into the daily routines of the classroom as well as within other curricular areas and class and school celebrations.
- This is already starting to happen in some of our schools and by 2020 all children will be learning other languages.
- Secondary schools will build on children's primary language learning experiences, offering opportunities to gain qualifications and develop valuable life-long language learning skills.

### At home

- Parents can support their children by:
- Showing a positive attitude towards learning about new languages.
- Look for foreign words together in everyday life.
- Learn together - ask your child to teach you what he/she has learned in school.

*"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."*

Nelson Mandela

