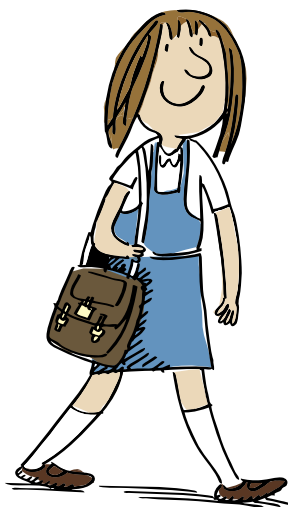


Enjoying the benefits

Languages are taught in most primary schools in England and children are very enthusiastic about this new experience¹. To find out more about the benefits language learning can bring, read on...



'My brother is learning French at primary school and he's very confident and keen to practise. I wish I'd had the same opportunities.'

Y12 A level French student

'An early start can be hugely beneficial as children begin what may well prove to be a lifelong interest in other languages and cultures.'

Primary class teacher

'I love counting in Spanish especially when we sing the numbers song. It's great when we play games in the playground in Spanish too.'

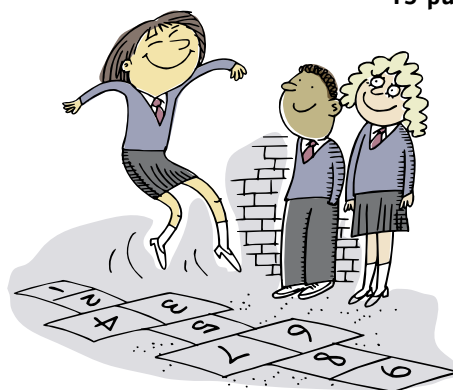
Y3 pupil

'[My children are] able to go back and forth so quickly... I get stuck in situations where I have to speak French and my kids have to correct me and make fun of me!'

Johnny Depp²

'My son has been asking me how to write phrases he knows in Panjabi so he can show his friends.'

Parent of bilingual child



FACT! Languages improve job prospects. 71% of UK employers are dissatisfied with the foreign language skills of school and college leavers³.

FACT! Being proficient in another language makes it easier to study or work overseas. Funding to spend time abroad as part of any degree is often not taken up because students do not have language skills⁴.

FACT! Starting language learning early can enhance children's cognitive development⁵.

¹ Languages Learning at Key Stage 2 – A longitudinal study, Cable et al, 2010; ² David Letterman Show, 09.12.10; ³ Education and Skills Survey – Ready to grow: business priorities for education and skills, CBI, 2010; ⁴ Leonardo da Vinci mobility figures, 2000-2008; ⁵ The age factor and early language learning, Nikolov, M, 2009