

What does Languages look like in Early Years?

At Cobbs Brow Primary School our EYFS department follow the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (March 2021) and use the Birth to Five Matters Non-statutory guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage developed by the Early Years Coalition. This guidance supports practitioners to implement the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in a pedagogically sound, principled and evidence-based way. Practitioners can then use their professional judgement based on their knowledge of the children in their setting and their wider context including family, community and the setting itself to construct an appropriate curriculum.

Children in Early Years are not currently taught languages as part of our curriculum. However, as we do have children with English as an Additional Language in the settings, we explore other cultures and learn simple words such as 'Hello'. Additionally, the children are taught the word 'Hello' in French and Spanish and they enjoy answering the register with these greetings. Children in EYFS are aware that there are many different languages spoken around the world.