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The Great Languages Challenge

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: British Council's Great Languages Challenge

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to invite all of our pupils to take part in the British Council's Great Languages Challenge.

Learning a language isn't just something that happens in the classroom. It can be fun, creative and part of everyday life. The Great Languages Challenge encourages children to explore different languages through a series of fun activities that can be completed during the summer. Many of the challenges can be done using books, music or by exploring different cultures from home.

Some of the activities include:

- Listening to a song in the language you are learning.
- Cooking or trying a dish from a country where the language is spoken.
- Teaching a family member a word or phrase.
- Finding out interesting facts about countries where the language is spoken.

Children can complete as many activities as they like throughout the holidays and can choose any language they have an interest in. Every challenge is designed to be enjoyable, helping to build confidence while keeping language learning alive over the break. We encourage pupils to be creative, involve family members and share their experiences. Whether it's discovering a new favourite song, learning how to sing "Happy Birthday" in another language, or finding out where a favourite footballer comes from, every activity is a chance to develop curiosity about the wider world.

We would love to see how your child has engaged with the challenge. During our Language Celebration Day in September, all children will have the opportunity to share their completed challenges with their classmates. This could be through posters, photographs, videos, or any other creative way they choose to present their work.

Please email the school office before we return with any photographs or other examples of your child's completed challenge. We look forward to celebrating everyone's achievements and creativity together.

We hope lots of our pupils will take part and enjoy exploring languages and cultures over the summer. Challenge yourself this summer! See how many activities you can complete and be ready to share your favourites when we return to school in September.

We are excited to celebrate all your language learning achievements!

Kind regards,

Miss Thomas

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☒ **Watch a vlog** in the language you are studying

☒ List **ten countries** you would like to visit by the time you are 25 years old

☒ Find out the nationalities of the players in your favourite sports team

☒ Find out which of your teachers can speak the most languages

☒ Find out which language would be most helpful for your dream job

☒ Change your **social media app settings** into the language you are studying for one hour

☒ Cook a **dish** from a country where they speak the language you are studying

☒ Learn how to **write a phrase** in a language that has a different script

☒ Find out the names of this year's **five most popular musicians** or bands in China

☒ Find out how many of the **top 200 songs in the Spotify UK charts** are in a language other than English. How about in the language you are studying?

☒ Write a short paragraph about a country where they speak the language you are studying that you would like to visit. Why would you like to visit it?

☒ **Listen to a song** in the language you are studying

☒ Find out which is the **world's most spoken language** and list the countries where it is the official language

☒ Learn the **happy birthday song** in the language you are studying

☒ Practise the language you are studying on an app for 10 minutes

☒ Find a **video or cartoon** on YouTube in the language you are studying and watch it

☒ Find out how to say the following **phrases** in the language you are studying:

☐ **Excuse me**

☐ **Could you repeat that?**

☐ **Thank you**

☒ **Look at the labels** on your clothes and work out which item was made furthest away

☒ Teach your parent or guardian a phrase in the language you are studying

☒ Learn ten new words in the language you are studying