Modern Foreign Languages: Progression of Skills

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
To read fluently	To read fluently	To read fluently	To read fluently
Read and understand short written phrases.	Read and understand the main points in short written texts.	Read and understand the main points and some of the detail in short written texts.	Read and understand the main points and opinions in written texts
Use books or glossaries to find out the meanings of new words with support.	Attempt to read short texts aloud independently.	Use a translation dictionary to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.	Use the context of a sentence or a translation dictionary to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.
	Use a translation dictionary or glossary to look up new words.	Begin to show confidence in reading aloud	Show confidence in reading aloud.
To write imaginatively	To write imaginatively	To write imaginatively	To write imaginatively
Write or copy everyday words correctly	Write or copy a few short phrases used in everyday conversations correctly. Express personal experiences and responses by choosing appropriate phrases.	Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words.	Write short texts describing people, places, things and actions.
Label items and choose appropriate words to complete short sentences	Write short phrases from memory with spelling that is readily understandable.	Begin to use knowledge of basic grammar to enhance or change the meaning of phrases.	Use knowledge of basic grammar to enhance or change the meaning of phrases.
		Refer to recent experiences and everyday activities in writing	Use dictionaries or glossaries to check words independently.
		Include adventurous word choices when given a choice.	Refer to future plans and everyday activities.
			Include imaginative and adventurous word choices.

To speak confidently	To speak confidently	To speak confidently	To speak confidently
Understand a range of spoken phrases.	Understand the main points from spoken passages.	Present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.	Understand the main points and opinions in spoken passages.
Understand standard language (sometimes asking for words of phrases to be repeated)	Ask others to repeat words or phrases if necessary.	Develop more accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud	Give a short prepared talk that includes opinions.
Answer simple questions.	Ask and answer simple questions.	Describe people, places, things and actions orally.	Take part in conversations to seek and give information.
Give basic information	Talk about interests	To understand the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken	Refer to recent experiences or future plans, everyday activities and interests.
Pronounce some words showing a knowledge of sound patterns.	Take part in discussions	Describe with some interesting details some aspects of countries or communities where the language is spoken.	Be understood with little or no difficulty.
To understand the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken	Demonstrate a growing vocabulary	Describe some similarities and differences between countries and communities where the language is spoken and this country.	Give detailed accounts of the customs, history and culture of the countries and communities where the language is spoken
Identify countries and communities where the language is spoken.	To understand the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken		Describe, with interesting detail, some similarities and differences between countries and communities where the language is spoken and this country.
Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.	Demonstrate some knowledge and understanding of the customs and features of the countries or communities where the language is spoken.		
Show awareness of the social conventions when speaking to someone.	Make some comparisons between life in countries or communities where the language is spoken and this country.		