

GERMAN KEY STAGE 3

ADVICE TO PARENTS



German is a wonderful language to learn and it is very rewarding experience to be able to make yourself understood in another language. We aim to give your child the knowledge and confidence needed to allow this to happen.

- Your child should have the following for German class which they should bring to every lesson:
 - Textbook
 - Blue Classwork book (also used for regular shorter homeworks)
 - Blue Vocabulary and Grammar book
 - Blue Assessment/ homework book.

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- Your child will have homework regularly and will consist of learning vocabulary, short exercises from the textbook and longer written pieces. New vocabulary should be revised after each German lesson.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANY GERMAN!

- Ask your child vocabulary from the current topic (lists can be found at the end of each chapter in the textbook). You can say the English and test your son or daughter's knowledge of German - even if you don't know the pronunciation - it's really important that pupils can recall vocabulary from memory. Why not try to say the German word and see if they know the English - they may have a giggle at your pronunciation! If they can teach you the correct pronunciation, they have learned it themselves.
- Ask your child to write down new vocabulary firstly by looking at both the English and German and secondly by covering one language. He/She may need to do this several times until the vocabulary is written accurately.
- Your child may use a small dictionary or a free online dictionary, for example, [ww.leo.org](http://www.leo.org) but never Google Translate or any other translation machine or website.
- Help your child to notice any references to German language or society around them - in the supermarket, on holiday and in the news.
- Encourage your child to come along to our German Club after school.
- Please help your child to understand the importance of learning a language for their future lives and career.

Danke schön!