

## Cave Languages

### Primary Languages Update – January – February 2024

#### Year of the Dragon

The Chinese New Year starts on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and is the beginning of the Year of the Dragon. The British Council has designed a pack for primary schools which includes resources and activities to help teachers and pupils explore Chinese language and culture. It is free to download.

[Year of the Dragon | British Council](#)

#### Discount on Bi-lingual Dictionaries

If you are thinking of buying some bi-lingual dictionaries, Collins, once again, have an offer of 50% discount. All you need to do is make an order from the Collins website and use the code **DICT24**.

[primary bilingual dictionaries - Collins](#)

#### Celebrate Speaking

The British Council, together with NCLE and ALL are encouraging primary and secondary pupils to prepare a short poem, presentation, sketch or dialogue in their favourite languages. It can be a solo or joint performance of no longer than 90 seconds. Then upload the performance to the school's Twitter account. Performances will be selected and the performers invited to attend a live virtual celebration in March.

To find out more [Celebrate Speaking | British Council](#)

#### Language Trends Survey

All schools are invited to complete the Language Trends survey for 2024. The survey relates to the teaching of any language other than English. It shouldn't take more than 15 minutes to complete.

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#### Primary Languages Subject Leader Day

I am delivering an online one-day INSET for anyone who leads languages in a primary school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. There are a few places still available.

Become familiar with the KS2 Programme of Study for Languages to inform selection of a language and scheme of work to meet the needs of your school setting / Discuss how to design a vision of language learning to share with the school community / Discover OFSTED's view and inspection of language learning in primary schools / Explore how to ensure the delivery of language lessons meets the demands of a high-quality languages education in terms of methodology, content, resources and activities / Examine methods to monitor and record the progress of learning / Consider how to establish and raise the profile of languages as a foundation subject in the primary curriculum

To book a place, complete the online form: [www.tinyurl.com/leadlangs0324](http://www.tinyurl.com/leadlangs0324)

#### Calligram Celebration

ALL is inviting primary children to make calligrams using words or phrases they have learnt in any language other than English. The words might draw the outline or fill in the silhouette of the image. They can be created by hand or computer. Each school which enters will receive a certificate and a digital compilation will be made of the most striking examples.

To find out more [Primary Events - Association for Language Learning \(all-languages.org.uk\)](http://Primary Events - Association for Language Learning (all-languages.org.uk))

### **Language Course for Primary Teachers in Berlin**

The Goethe Institut is offering this course which is aimed at non-specialist primary teachers and their headteachers. The non-specialist teachers will receive a combined language and pedagogical training course and the headteachers will take part in an incentive trip with the aim of creating impetus around German. It will take place in Berlin between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

To find out more [Upskilling course and incentive trip : Let's Get Started with German in Primary Schools - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

### **Express Yourself – NE Festival of Languages**

As part of this NE Festival of Languages, a variety of activities and resources are available for free. Follow the link below and look under – Early Years, Schools, Groups, Families – Free language activities.

[WHATS-ON-PROGRAMME-Express-Yourself-NE-Festival-of-Languages-2024.pdf \(expressyourselfne.com\)](#)

### **BFI Film Days**

The British Film Institute is offering activity days which include films for primary school children. The Institute is in London and the events will take place in the coming months. To find out more and book, see below:

French in May

[Bonjour les amis: Learning French for KS2 pupils | BFI](#)

Spanish in February

[Learning Spanish using short film for KS2 pupils | BFI](#)

Spanish in April

[Hola niños: Learning Spanish for KS2 pupils | BFI](#)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember that to find out the latest news and information in between the newsletters, keep checking the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website

[Sharing good practice - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

Best wishes

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