Cave Languages
Primary Languages Update – January - February 2026

Year of the Horse

According to the Chinese Lunar Calendar, the Year of the Horse begins on 17 February 2026. The British Council is offering an education pack for primary schools which includes a rich collection of information and activities to help teachers and pupils explore this vibrant spring festival and discover more about Chinese language and culture. The pack is designed for pupils aged 7 to 11 but can adapted for older or younger pupils.
https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find/classroom/year-of-the-horse?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ceschools-schools-cny-uk-year-of-the-horse&utm_content=cny-horse&fbclid=IwY2xjawPfPPtleHRuA2FlbQIxMABicmlkETByUDUenNPYTlMaWFzUHp4c3J0YwZhcHBfaWQQMjIyMDM5MTc4ODIwMDg5MgABHsKTLvYHG66A4-9UaXMmzQGvhhsMR9NRuze850C9uRKgc0jv6vBYrUGck-6K_aem_RFyPVLLrp6iBVQQsCQwyAQ

Language World 2026

The theme of the ALL Language World Conference is 'Collaboration at the heart of languages education'. It will take place on 13th and 14th March at Hinckley in Leicestershire. There are many presenters speaking specifically about Primary Languages.
https://www.delegate-reg.co.uk/lw2026/programme

Language Trends Survey 2026

If you can find time to answer a short survey about the teaching of primary languages this will contribute to the important annual survey about language teaching in England.
https://response.questback.com/isa/qbv.dll/bylink?p=pSDsVbvjA42t-M88FXFvhFswX-RzlvaYJqu7G_SFvfOOQhvNqDJEc1t6s4o8BB1w0

Free Primary Languages CPD videos

Clare Seccombe from Light Bulb Languages has been creating CPD videos about teaching languages in primary schools. They are free to access on her YouTube channel.
https://www.youtube.com/@clareseccombe

Partner with another school

If you are looking to set up a partnership with a school in another country, the British Council can help you find one. Find out more here:
https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/partner?utm_source=fb&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=ceschools-schools-schoolsconnect-uk-spring26&utm_content=partnerfinder

Songs, Stories and Movement in Primary Languages

Twinkl is offering a free hands-on CPD session which will provide ideas and tips for bringing stories, songs and movement into your primary languages lessons. It will take place online on Monday 26th January 7-8pm.
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stories-songs-and-movement-creative-primary-languages-tickets-1969216908784?aff=odcleoeventsincollection&mc_cid=4e62932fd1&mc_eid=35151aff51

Developing leadership in Primary Languages – Part 1

The Primary Languages Network is offering part 1 of this course on the 29th January 9.30am-3.00pm. It will take place online. You can book a place and find out the cost here:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/developing-leadership-in-primary-languages-part-i-tickets-1407170076579?aff=oddtdtcreator&mc_cid=4e62932fd1&mc_eid=35151aff51

Language Angels Free Webinar Schedule

Language Angels are offering a series of free CPD webinars about teaching languages in primary schools. The next one is on Thursday 29th January 4-5pm – SEND – Teaching and Learning in Primary Languages.
https://languageangels.pages.ontraport.net/cpdhubwebinars?_gl=1*1kqcvqm*_gcl_au*MTYxMTY4NjI3MS4xNzUxNTMwNTU3LjcxNDA3OTc4OS4xNzU1ODY4MzQzLjE3NTU4NjgzNDM.*_ga*MTU1ODk3NTk0MS4xNzAzMzM2NjY1*_ga_8JLHH77DZN*czE3NTgyMDU5OTkkbzI2MCRnMSR0MTc1ODIwNjI1MSRqNjAkbDAkaDA

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember, to find out the latest news and information before the next newsletter, 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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