

LANGUAGES

The Learning Bridge 2004 - 2007



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The Learning Bridge project, co-ordinated by the International Learning and Research Centre, is supported by CfBT. It is a regional project based in 14 schools, primary and secondary, across two LEAs. The focus for this school-based research project is to identify what will constitute the most effective teaching and learning programme to provide the building blocks for multilingualism for 7-14 year olds.

It will involve:

- investigating and evaluating how the experience of learning about, and being able to apply the knowledge of core linguistic structures will give pupils the understanding of how to learn languages
 - identifying and evaluating a coherent, connected programme from Key Stages 2-3 which teaches a core of knowledge about language structure
 - devising the most effective teaching and learning strategies to enable the internalisation of this core of knowledge, which takes account of how pupils learn
 - investigating how this teaching programme will enable learners to identify what is similar and what is dissimilar in languages patterns and structures
- investigating and evaluating the impact of this approach on the language learning competence of pupils in the project schools in the target groups (7-14 year olds)
 - identifying the relevant steps in progression in this programme to ensure continuity of language learning between primary and secondary phase

Participating Schools

Barrs Court Primary School
Frogwell Primary School
Hardenhuish School
Ivy Lane Primary School
Lacock Primary School
Longwell Green Primary School
Marshfield Primary School
Meadows Primary School
Queen's Crescent Primary School
Redland Community Primary School
St Barnabas Primary School
St Paul's School
The Sir Bernard Lovell School
Wick Primary School

Council of Europe European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)

The International Learning and Research Centre will be hosting the Council of Europe's European Centre for Modern Languages first ever United Kingdom (UK) event since the UK took up membership. This will be in October 2005 and will be an ECML regional workshop for international and national delegates. The workshop will focus on 'Qualitraining' - from the ECML's second medium term programme.

Qualitraining - A Training Guide for Quality Assurance

The workshop will introduce international and national participants to the Qualitraining Guide. Participants will be able to explore the contents of the Guide as a possible tool for staff development.

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