



Mandarin overview and progression of skills (Year 2 - Year 6)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listen to spoken language and show understanding by joining and responding	Listen to and respond to simple greetings.	Listen to simple greetings in Mandarin and join in with the teacher. try to pronounce correctly in mandarin.	Listen and respond to teachers' commands and instructions in Mandarin.	Listen to and respond to complex and complicated sentences.	Elaborate on complex and complicated sentences by responding back to teacher and peers.	Recognise and respond back to short simple paragraphs in Mandarin.
Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.	Explore the pattern of Chinese characters "da" and "xiao". know the meaning of the two characters.	Explore basic songs on numbers, greetings, rhymes and join in. Write the characters of numbers up to ten.	Explore basic songs on numbers up to hundred and can write basic pictograph characters. Know the meanings of the pictograph characters.	Explore the pattern of Chinese characters and the Pinyin System.	Explore patterns and sounds of language through some daily idiom phrases.	Explore patterns and sounds of language through some historical idiom phrases and traditional poems.
Engage in conversations: ask questions; express opinions and respond to others.	Engage in conversations through questions related to fruits and name. Respond back to their peers through use of words.	Engage in simple conversations through questions related to names and ages.	Engage in conversations through questions related to family members. Respond back to their peers through use of words.	Engage in conversations through questions related to hobbies and favourite things. Respond back to their peers through use of phrases.	Engage in conversations through questions related to each other's nationalities and culture. Respond back to their peers in full sentences.	Engage in conversations through open-ended questions. Respond to their peers in full and complex sentences.



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Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.	Express colors and short phrases, such as basic sentence pattern: S+V. Answer yes or no questions.	Express themselves using words and short phrases, such as basic sentence pattern: S+V. Answer yes or no questions.	Express themselves using phrases and simple sentences such as basic sentence pattern: S+V+N. To ask permission in mandarin using instructional language. To know how to use basic adjective words.	Express themselves using simple sentences such as basic sentence pattern: S+V? Adj+ma? V+bu+V? To know how to use basic preposition, adverbial words in mandarin.	Express themselves using complex sentences. To know how to use possessive words with a measure of fluency.	Know how to use measure in mandarin language to express themselves. To speak with a fair amount of fluency and accuracy.
Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation.	Develop their knowledge of the basic 4 tones and 5 simple finals in Pinyin and understand the meaning of tones. Know how to put the tongue in the right place for right pronunciation.	Develop their knowledge of the basic 4 tones and 5 simple finals, 23 initials in Pinyin.	Develop their knowledge of pronunciation of the basic 4 tones and 5 simple finals, 23 initials in Pinyin. Know how to distinguish from English Phonics.	Develop their knowledge and accuracy in the pronunciation of sentences with help of Pinyin.	Read phrases and sentences with help of Pinyin showing accurate pronunciation and intonation.	Read and respond to short paragraphs with help of Pinyin. Know how to distinguish some simple homonyms.
Show understanding of words and phrases	Recognise and respond to most basic mandarin greetings and express themselves.	Recognise and respond to some basic mandarin words.	Recognise and respond to basic mandarin words and short phrases.	Use mandarin words and phrases to express themselves.	Compose simple phrases and sentences in Mandarin using questioning words and negative words.	Compose questioning, negative, comparative sentences, in Mandarin using adjectives and conjunctions.



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Broaden their vocabulary and write phrases from memory and create new sentences.	Develop words and phrases using Pinyin, sign language and sight simple vocabulary. Know 50 words and phrases in mandarin.	Identify basic words by Pinyin. Know 50 words and phrases in mandarin.	Develop words through the use of Pinyin. Know 80 words and phrases in mandarin.	Develop words and phrases using Pinyin, sign language and sight vocabulary. Know 100 words and phrases in mandarin.	Develop simple sentences using Pinyin, sign language and sight vocabulary. Know 112 words and phrases in mandarin. Write simple phrases and short sentences in mandarin.	Develop simple and complex sentences using Pinyin, sign language and sight vocabulary. Know 200 words and phrases in mandarin. Write simple and complex sentences in mandarin.
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