Foreign Language Awareness in the Primary (FLAP)
Years 3 – 4

Framework for Modern Foreign Languages

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Introduction

In the 21st century, intercultural understanding, foreign language competence and proficiency are essential in a globalized society. A framework for Foreign Language Awareness in the Primary (FLAP) will enable learners in Year 3 and Year 4 to communicate in more than two languages from an early age.

The objectives of FLAP are to:

- introduce foreign language awareness and appreciation at an early age;
- nurture a love for languages;
- develop plurilingual and intercultural competences;
- foster a positive attitude and respect towards a diversity of cultures;
- help learners understand their own language backgrounds;
- acknowledge language diversity;
- enhance learners’ personal development;
- strengthen lifelong learning skills;
- promote digital literacy for language learning.
Guidelines

1. The framework has two sections. Section 1 outcomes refer to Year 3 FLAP. Section 2 refers to Year 4.

2. In order to achieve the outcomes, teachers are encouraged to actively involve and support learners to
   a. become familiar with a repertoire of sounds (songs, rhymes ...) from other languages;
   b. express themselves through single words and phrases;
   c. discover aspects related to languages and cultures;
   d. work on enjoyable tasks within a collaborative environment;
   e. fill in self-evaluation sheets to keep track of knowledge, skills and competences/attitudes*.

3. Colleges/schools may add other outcomes in accordance to their realities.

4. The *Points to note* section in the programme is meant to provide teachers with non-prescriptive teaching and learning examples.

5. FLAP activities can feature as part of the school calendar of events. These can include school assemblies focusing on intercultural aspects, story telling, drama/role play activities, cooking sessions etc. All parents are welcome to attend either as an audience or as ambassadors of their respective countries, cultures and languages.

* printed or digital version.
### 3. Outcomes – Section 1 – Year 3

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| **1. Saying hello in different languages**       | I understand how others /my classmates say hello in their language / other languages they know.  
I can greet someone who speaks another language other than my own. | Learners are introduced to different ways of greeting /saying hello in different countries.                                                                                                    |
| **2. Where do I come across languages?**         | I can understand that people speak different languages.  
I can understand that different languages have different sounds. | The learners can listen to words or short phrases in different languages. Songs, games, videos and interactive online activities are to be used.                                              |
| **3. Language map**                             | I can name several languages and where they are spoken.  
I can name people who speak different languages.  
I have made contact with someone from a different country. | What languages do others (in my class, school and family) speak?  
Where do my classmates come from? I have family/friends/neighbours from different countries.                                                                                     |
| **4. Colours of a country**                      | I can understand that different countries have different flags.  
I can understand that different countries have different houses. | Where have we / people we know travelled to?  
Learners may link to other aspects related to different countries that they are familiar with.                                                                                       |
| **Other outcomes**                               |                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |


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<td>I can greet someone in at least two foreign languages.</td>
<td>Audio-visual materials and IT are an essential tool in the language awareness classroom. The teacher may provide online resources for students’ reference.</td>
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<td>I know a story/rhyme/song/tongue twister from a different country.</td>
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<td><strong>What can I say about different countries?</strong></td>
<td>I understand that different countries use different currency.</td>
<td>Realia may be used in class to enhance the teaching and learning experience. The teacher may encourage the students to share in class pictures of landmarks. Intercultural notions can be introduced through the students’ background and experiences.</td>
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<td>I can recognise famous landmarks in different countries.</td>
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<td>I can compare the landscape of my country with that of different countries.</td>
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<td><strong>Celebrate with me</strong></td>
<td>I can understand that different people celebrate different feasts.</td>
<td>Feasts, traditions and other celebrations occurring throughout the year can be presented in a fun and interactive way. The teacher may use cross-curricular activities to familiarise the learners with typical gastronomic specialities.</td>
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<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>I can talk about my travels or a journey I would like to make.</td>
<td>Learners are encouraged to share first and second hand travel experiences. Group work and hands on activities, such as charts, brochures and postcards are examples of collaborative learning.</td>
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I can understand that different languages have different sounds.

I can understand that different countries have different flags.

I can understand that different countries have different houses.

I can say where other languages are spoken.

I can name several languages.

I have made contact with someone from a different country.

I can greet someone who speaks another language other than my own.

I can say where other languages are spoken.

I can understand that different countries have different flags.
I understand that different countries use different currency.

I can talk about my travels or a journey I would like to make.

I can recognise famous landmarks in different countries.

I can compare the landscape of my country with that of different countries.

I can compare food from different countries.

I can understand that different people celebrate different feasts.

I know a tongue twister from a different country.

I know a story from a different country.

I know a song from a different country.

I know a rhyme from a different country.

I can greet someone in at least two foreign languages.

I can understand that different people celebrate different feasts.

Colour in the speech bubbles that show what you can do. Use the empty bubbles if you wish to add more.