PowerLanguage Online Resources

PowerLanguage has been producing interactive resources and ebooks for Education Scotland and many Local Authorities around the United Kingdom since 2006. We are also involved in teacher training projects across the European Union, China and Australia. You can find links to our current pilot projects, HMIe reports and testimonies from Education Officers, teachers, parents and pupils on: powerlanguage.net

1/ PowerLanguage for Schools

The aim of PowerLanguage for Schools is to help schools introduce additional languages in a meaningful and progressive way, at Nursery, Primary and early Secondary level.

It is now available to single schools as well as clusters and is already being used by 50% of Local Authorities in Scotland since 2013.

How does it work?

PowerLanguage for Schools consists of 4 main sections:

Suggested Planners and their associated resources created to guide teachers and to support progression. These planners are flexible and easy to use. The resources attached to them - whether they are animations, videos or PowerPoint documents - contain sound files recorded by native speakers. This section of the platform has brought considerable relief and confidence to many
primary colleagues!

It covers an 8 year programme – from age 4 to age 12 – but is designed to allow multiple entry points. All resources are age-appropriate and form a ready-made yet flexible language programme.

Teachers can easily remove and/or add content and we advise that they work closely with their sector consultant to ensure that their final programme aligns with their prescribed curriculum. All new resources developed by teachers will be proofread by the PowerLanguage team prior to uploading them on the Platform.

A responsive section We have developed over 200 dossiers which match the Primary School curriculum, ranging from Antarctica to the World of Work! These resources enable teachers to embed the target language even further into their learning contexts, which, we believe, is a key element to successful language teaching and learning.

Language tips This section contains short animations aimed at refreshing and developing teachers' linguistic abilities. The Language Tips, which include grammatical points, rules of pronunciation, with practice, and cultural explanations, have proven useful to more advanced language teachers and can be used with pupils as well.

From your colleagues This section contains some tremendous resources produced by classroom teachers, which can be shared with colleagues via our platform. Our team of native speakers go over all submitted document, correct and edit them when necessary, before uploading them back onto the Platform.

Profiling and Assessing We have developed a Passport style document to help teachers profile and assess their learners. The yearly "passport" also encourages pupils to reflect on their learning and discuss their progression with their parents/ carers.

Transition We are working collaboratively with secondary school colleagues to develop resources and projects involving Primary and Secondary pupils, to encourage dialogue between the 2 sectors, ensure a smooth progression and tackle the existing transition issues, which have much hindered many past language programmes.

Languages French, Spanish, German and Japanese*.
*currently first year of implementation only.

Conclusion PowerLanguage for Schools is at the forefront of a new generation of resources for learners, practitioners and policy makers. Given the organic nature of the Platform, with new resources added and updated on a weekly basis, the platform has been following the progress of pupils from nursery to early secondary school.

The days of cumbersome folders and set school books to suit all schools in the country are over! Developing skills with age-appropriate resources, ensuring progression, flexibility, depth and breadth of learning is at the heart of our Programme.

Cost The yearly cost is $500 per school.

Please visit powerlanguage.school for further information including a video presentation of our Platform.

2/   Online course for primary school teachers

This hands-on and practical course has been developed specifically for primary teachers. Through active learning and a gentle progression, teachers will be able to (re) visit basic topics and language related to general everyday situations. The course is also designed to help practitioners introduce French/Spanish to their learners.

Some principals aiming to promote a whole school approach to languages have encouraged all their staff to enroll in the course!

The cost is $140 per teacher for 12 lessons. The course can be accessed for 2 years once purchased, allowing teachers to work and progress at their own pace. It takes approximately 30 hours to complete.

You can visit powerlanguage.courses for further information or to read feed-back from colleagues. Our course is currently available in French and Spanish. Please contact us, should you be interested in other languages.

Should you be interested in signing up to our course or for further information, please email us on info@powerlanguage.net or visit our website to see what your colleagues have been saying about our products: powerlanguage.courses

The direct link to our Youtube Channel is: https://pwlg.link/plnet-YouTube

3/   Online course for parents:
PowerLanguage in the wider community!

Parents, carers, grand-parents and other family members can learn French in a stimulating and interactive way. The course opens up opportunities for families to support their children's learning - and sometimes for children to support their parents' learning.

With their subscription, each family will be supplied with one booklet and will be given 2 year access for up to 5 other family members. The booklet contains a range a fun activities, flashcards and key language to support the learners.

The cost of the 12 lessons course is $25 per family or $200, if purchased for a whole class. (Each class teacher also gets a free subscription.) This covers the price of the online course and the booklets.

Schools able to enroll a minimum of 40 families or 3 whole classes would receive a free subscription to the PowerLanguage Platform, including all planners and associated resources and a selection of responsive resource, for one year.

Please contact us, should you be interested in other languages.

4/ Introducing Mandarin in your Primary school

This programme has been created to support Primary teachers – specialist and non specialist – with the teaching of Mandarin in their class.

The course has 12 lessons which contain a mixture of videos from our Mandarin tutors, animations and PowerPoint documents, which all combine to help you enhance your Mandarin grammar, syntax, culture and pronunciation.

The teacher's notes have been designed to give teachers additional information for some of the online resources. We've also suggested extra activities to be done to reinforce the learning in class or at home. Each lesson starts with its Key Language, the translation in English and soundfiles to support non specialist teachers. We have introduced cultural elements – one per lesson – through a series of little podcasts. There is a fun quiz attached to each podcast. Cultural aspects linked to China and the Chinese language are an essential part of this course.

Cost: $250

See our Youtube channel for the wonderful feed-back from Head Teachers, parents and pupils! https://pwlg.link/plnet-YouTube

For further information, please visit: powerlanguage.net