Mandarin at West Green

At West Green our children learn Mandarin as part of the National Curriculum for languages. We are fortunate to be part of a languages programme run by The Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine (CITCM) at London South Bank University which provides us with a qualified and specialist Mandarin teacher to teach all our children weekly, from Reception to Year 6.

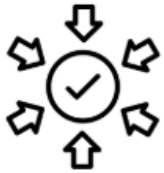
The Confucius Institute is dedicated to cross-cultural understanding and engagement. It works with a wide range of primary and secondary schools in London and beyond, offering students the unique opportunity to learn Mandarin and to develop a strong sense of international awareness and cultural understanding.

Our Mandarin curriculum, designed by The Confucius Institute, is based on the Youth Chinese Test syllabus which is an international standardised Chinese language test directed at assessing primary and secondary school students' ability to apply Chinese language in their studies and daily lives. Our curriculum focuses on developing students' listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, alongside cultural awareness. Chinese character learning begins in Year 1, with students progressing from simple to more complex characters over time. Introduction to the current romanisation system (Pinyin) starts in Year 3, once students have established a solid foundation in English phonics.

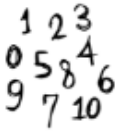
Autumn 1

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
						
Hello	Greetings	Y1 Revision Numbers 11-20	Y1&2 Revision Numbers 1-100	Y1/2/3 Revision Who are you?	Revision Seeing a Doctor	Revision Weather

Autumn 2

						
Goodbye	Introductions	Age Singing in Mandarin	Places	Countries & Nationalities	Positions	Exclamations

Spring 1

						
My Family	Numbers 1-10 Where is China?	Colours	Transport	Fruit and Vegetables	Feelings Shopping	Questions

Spring 2

						
Thank you	My Family	Farm Animals	Days of the Week & Months of the Year	Describing people	Family	Comparing

Summer 1

						
My Face	Face and body	Food & Drink	Dates & birthdays	Sports & Hobbies	Revision: Food, Places, Time	Past tense

Summer 2

						
Numbers 1-7	Pets	Clothes	Time	Giving Instructions & asking for permission	Talking about abilities	Holidays