

Foreword

The Independent Review of the Primary Curriculum (2008) recommends that all schools should be teaching a foreign language as part of the key stage 2 statutory curriculum by 2014. It is also recommended that schools focus on only one or two languages, and that primary schools take account of the languages that will be taught at Key Stage 3.

In Lambeth, evidence obtained through our annual audit shows that the majority of our primary schools are teaching a language in curriculum time- some even start this at the Foundation Stage. Some of our secondary schools have established close links with neighbouring primary schools, and some of our primary schools have begun to share Foreign Language assistants [FLAs] to support their teaching.

The most recent Lambeth language survey [September 2008] shows that aside from English, the most widely spoken language in our primary schools is Portuguese, followed by Yoruba, Spanish, Somali and French. Many of our schools are already teaching Portuguese – to native speakers and also to other children who want to learn the language. We have also funded a Portuguese FLA - probably the only one in the country.

This document is the result of the work of Luisa Ribeiro, Advisory Teacher for Portuguese Achievement- who has worked with Anne Farren (MFL Consultant), and a small group of dedicated teachers, some of whom are bilingual Portuguese speakers.

This document is similar in quality to the schemes of work for French, German and Spanish produced by the QCA [Qualifications and Curriculum Authority] - this is testament to the fact that we have highly skilled teachers and advisory staff within the local authority.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those individuals and schools for contributing in particular to Salomé Campos – Year 1 Teacher & Acting MFL Co-ordinator at Wyvil Primary School, Sónia Tomás – Year 4 Teacher & MFL Co-ordinator Glenbrook Primary School, Cidália Fraga – Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion Stockwell Primary School , Ana Freitas – Foreign Language Assistant Lambeth EMAT to what will be seen as a national resource for all schools wishing to teach Portuguese as a modern foreign language.

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