

## Language

The need to communicate is instinctive. The development of language is fundamental to that need to communicate; it supports and enhances our thinking and understanding. Language permeates the world in which we live; it is socially constructed and dependent on the number and nature of our social interactions and relationships.

PYP schools have a special responsibility to recognize and support language development to ensure that all students are provided with the environment and the necessary language support to enable them to participate fully in the academic programme and in the social life of the school, as well as to develop as individuals. At ERV, classes are differentiated to ensure that students of all levels are able to access and be successful in the curriculum. All teachers in a PYP school are considered teachers of language.

Every learner benefits from having access to different languages, and, through that access, to different cultures and perspectives. Acquisition of more than one language enriches personal development and helps facilitate international-mindedness.

ERV currently offers PYP students the opportunity to maintain and develop their French literacy skills for students whose first language is French, and to learn French as an additional language for other students.

ERV offers an English Support Package for students who are still at a developmental stage of their English language ability. Students receiving the English Support Package will access the Language Lab during Literacy classes, and will be integrated into all other classes. English Support Package students will have access to the 'Learning Village' platform to support, monitor and assess their English language development.

Language Strands: Utilising the PYP as a base, at ERV we have adopted five strands that are learned across and throughout the curriculum, with each strand being an integral component of language learning. Each strand has been considered from both the receptive aspect—receiving and constructing meaning, and expressive aspect—creating and sharing meaning.

- Language Foundation
- Oral Language
- Visual Language
- Written Language - Reading
- Written Language - Writing