



Key Focus

Alphabet/ Introduction to BSL:

- KS1 children will learn the alphabet using British Sign Language.
- British Sign Language (BSL) has been around in some form since the 16th Century and was officially recognised as a language in 2003 – it's the most common form of sign language in the UK.
- BSL is made up of a combination of hand shapes and movements, lip patterns, facial expressions and shoulder movements.
- The language has its own grammar system but it's not structured in the same way as English. This mostly changes the word order of sentences - in BSL, you start with the topic and then say something about the subject after that. For example, in English, you might say 'what is your name?' but in BSL, you would sign 'name, what?'
- In April, 2022, the BSL Act was passed, which gives legal status to British Sign Language.

Key Vocabulary

