

SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK

MORE THAN JUST A LANGUAGE: CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

When is Sign Language week?

Sign Language week is from **16th – 22nd March**, it celebrates the anniversary of the recognition of BSL in 2003. It wasn't until 2022, that it became a legal language in the UK, helping to improve access and rights for deaf people. **The theme this year is 'United in Sign'.**



Facts

- In the UK, it is estimated that one in three adults are D/deaf or have hearing loss.
- In the UK, around 18 million adults are D/deaf or have hearing loss.
- In the UK, around 50,000 children are D/deaf.
- Around 25,000 people use British Sign Language (BSL) as their main language.

Resources

The School of Signs is a website for Schools to access British Sign language (BSL) with teaching plans, videos and homework all completely FREE!

Free BSL Lessons for UK Primary Schools – The School of Signs

We have our very own **YouTube channel** with British Sign Language (BSL) covering key aspects of BSL – check it out!

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