



Our French Curriculum

“One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way.” Frank Smith

Work Together

Our aim is to give children a new perspective on the world, to encourage them to understand their own culture and those of others. A high-quality language education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable children to express their ideas and thoughts in another language; extend their knowledge of how language works and to help them to develop communications skills, including the key skills of speaking and listening. Learning a foreign language is a necessary part of being a member of a multi-cultural society.

It is intended that when children leave our school, they will have a natural curiosity and confidence to explore, other countries, cultures and languages. They will be engaged and prepared to continue learning languages beyond their primary education. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping children with the potential to study and work in other countries.

Grow Together

Children study French from year 3 onwards. The children follow a four-year scheme which gives them the opportunity to develop core language skills.

The scheme covers a range of topics to include: all about me, going shopping, food, on the move, holiday, hobbies and let's visit a French town.

The scheme covers the National Curriculum aims to ensure that all pupils:

1. understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
2. speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
3. can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.
4. discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

Flourish Together

To celebrate our success in learning French, the children celebrate Bastille Day. This inspires them to want to learn and practise their French skills. Time is allocated to French on one of our display boards to showcase the children's ongoing French work.

Teachers assess children's progress using formative assessment by providing ongoing feedback to the children during their French learning. The schools within the federation work collaboratively to share best practice and to promote engagement in the subject.

Pupil Voice is also used to further develop the Modern Foreign Language curriculum, through questioning of pupils' views and attitudes to learning a language.

