

French

Our Intent

Our intention is for children to receive carefully planned lessons, ensuring progressive coverage of the skills required by the national curriculum. Our chosen themes - Time Travelling, Let's Visit a French Town and This Is France - provide an introduction to the culture of French-speaking countries and communities. It aims to foster children's curiosity and help deepen their understanding of the world. A linear curriculum has been chosen to allow opportunity for children to gradually build on their skills. We intend for French learning to allow children to express their ideas and thoughts in French and provides opportunities to interact and communicate with others both in speech and in writing. We intend to expose children to authentic French, so the scheme offers regular opportunities to listen to native speakers.

In Lower KS2, children acquire basic skills and understanding of French with a strong emphasis placed on developing their Speaking and Listening skills. These will be embedded and further developed in Upper KS2, alongside Reading and Writing, gradually progressing onto more complex language concepts and greater learner autonomy.

We intend to inspire pupils to develop a love of languages and to expand their horizons to other countries, cultures and people. We aim to help children grow into curious, confident and reflective language learners and to provide them with a foundation that will equip them for further language studies.

Implementation

Lessons are sequenced so that prior learning is considered and opportunities for revision of language and grammar are built in.

Lessons and resources are designed to help children to build on prior knowledge alongside the introduction of new skills. Lessons are designed to provide structure and context as well as offering an insight into the culture of French-speaking countries and communities. The introduction and revision of key vocabulary and grammatical structures will be built into each lesson. This vocabulary is then included in display materials and additional resources so that children have opportunities to repeat and revise their learning.

Impact

We want to increase the profile of languages across school. Lessons will be consistent with key French vocabulary spoken and used by all learners. Whole-school and parental engagement will improve through the use of language-specific home learning tasks and opportunities suggested for wider learning such as a community French Café afternoon! We want to ensure that French is loved by teachers and pupils across school, therefore encouraging them to embark on further language studies in secondary. Impact can also be measured through key questioning skills built into lessons and adult and child-led assessment.