

Modern Foreign Languages

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."

Nelson Mandela

Being able to communicate effectively is perhaps the most important of all life skills. It is what enables us to pass information to other people and to understand what is said to us. Languages are part of the cultural richness of our society and the world in which we live and work.

Principles of our curriculum:

- to inspire a love of languages as part of a lifelong journey of learning
- to enable children to take the first steps to understand and communicate in another language (French)
- to foster curiosity in learning another language in a way that is enjoyable and fun

Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, we learn about and celebrate the different languages spoken by the children and adults in our school. This fosters respect towards others and introduces children to the multi-cultural nature of our school and the world in which we live.

Key Stage 2

All children will learn French throughout Key Stage 2 with the emphasis on practical communication. Teaching in each year group will involve as much fun and as many interactive activities as possible including songs, action rhymes, poems, games, role play and storytelling. Previously learnt vocabulary will be revised and incorporated into new language learning.

Modern Foreign Language teaching will cover all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading and writing) in each year group.

In Years 3 and 4 there will be a greater focus on listening and speaking.

In Years 5 and 6 there will be an increasing emphasis on reading and writing.