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Introduction

Learning a foreign language is part of the primary National Curriculum and is a requirement for all children within key stage 2 (KS2). Our school has adopted a whole school approach to the teaching of French to all KS2 pupils.

Aims

Our aim is to develop the confidence and competence of each child in the foreign language they are learning. Our goal is for them to be passionate, curious and confident about their own foreign language learning abilities when they finish the primary school phase of their education.

We will help them develop and demonstrate substantial progress in the 5 key language skills necessary for learning French: -

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Grammar

We aim to ensure that pupils of all abilities develop solid foundations in these key language learning skills - properly preparing them for the next stage of their language learning journey. These skills will develop children's ability to understand what they hear and read and enable them to express themselves in speech and writing. We will extend their knowledge of how language works and explore the similarities and differences between the foreign language they are learning and English. We will also help strengthen their sense of identity through learning about culture in other countries and comparing it with their own.

Teaching and Learning Overview

Our whole school approach to language teaching and learning is in line with the recommendations of the National Curriculum and the requirements outlined in the Department for Education Languages Programme of Study for Key Stage 2.

The National Curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources

- 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
- Can write at varying lengths, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of authentic writing in the language studied.

By the end of key stage 2, pupils should be able to:

1. Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.
2. Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.
3. Engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help.
4. Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.
5. Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases.
6. Present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.
7. Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.
8. Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.
9. Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.
10. Write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly.
11. Describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing.
12. Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.

Displays of the topics being taught in French will be displayed around individual classrooms and referred to during the unit.

Organisation & Delivery

French is taught in a whole-class setting by the class teacher. Lessons are planned using the Language Angels scheme of work which can be supplemented as needed.

The lessons are designed to motivate, captivate and interest children from the first moment. They have clear, achievable objectives and incorporate different learning styles. SEN children have access to the curriculum through the variation of tasks, grouping or support from an adult.

Each class has a timetabled lesson of at least thirty minutes per week. Where necessary, French can also be revisited in short sessions throughout the week to consolidate knowledge and ensure new language is retained.

French lessons include:

- PowerPoints and interactive whiteboard materials
- Interactive games (which pupils can access from home to consolidate their learning)
- Songs & raps
- Differentiated desk-based consolidation activities
- Worksheets (at three different levels of challenge) are provided throughout each teaching unit and can be used in class.

Each lesson will focus on a combination of the 5 key language learning skills (speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar).

Below are the units we will cover throughout KS2: (This will be monitored yearly, in order that we keep up to date with developments)



KS2 Mixed Age Classes Unit Planner (Limited Foreign Language Experience)

	Year 3/4 CYCLE 1	Year 5/6 CYCLE 1	Year 3/4 CYCLE 2	Year 5/6 CYCLE 2
Autumn Term				
Half Term 1	Phonics lesson 1 & 2 (C) I'm Learning Fr/ Sp/ It (E)	Phonics lesson 1 & 2 (C) Fruit (E)	Phonics lesson 1 & 2 (C) Shapes (E)	Phonics lesson 3 & 4 (C) The Date (I)
Half Term 2	Animals (E)	Vegetables (E)	Musical Instruments (E)	My Home (I)
Spring Term				
Half Term 1	I Can (E)	Weather (I)	Vegetables (E)	Planets (P)
Half Term 2	Fruits (E)	Family (I)	Ancient Britain (E)	At the Weekend (P)
Summer Term				
Half Term 1	Presenting Myself (I)	Clothes (I)	In Class (I)	Regular Verbs or Healthy Living (P)
Half Term 2	Family (I)	At School (P)	Do you have Pet? (I)	Me In The World (P)

* **Core Vocabulary** lessons cover; Classroom Commands; Colours; Days Of The Week; Maths Calculations; Months Of The Year; Numbers 1 – 100; Maths Calculations.

Resources

The Language Angels scheme is a fully online resource enabling all teachers in all classes to have instant and continuous access to all the resources they need to teach whichever lesson they choose.

Evidence of Teaching & Learning and Transition at End of Key Stage

Where appropriate worksheets completed by the children are kept in their language portfolios and are passed through the years and become a portfolio of their learning. Work is also uploaded along with audio and video recordings of pupils speaking and presenting in French to a centralised secure file store on their Tracking & Progression Tool (Language Angels).

All of this information along with the pupil's individual Learning & Progression Timeline and skills progress reports can be forwarded to their secondary school at time of transition.

Assessment of Pupil Learning & Progression

Two forms of assessment are available at the end of every Language Angels unit:

1. Peer and self-assessment 'I can do...' grids. A quick and easy way for all pupils in the class to record which units they have completed and the progress they are making.
2. More detailed skills based assessments using bespoke skills assessment worksheets. This form of assessment enables us to determine the learning and progression of all pupils in the key language learning skills as well as monitoring their progress against the 12 attainment targets stipulated in the DfE Languages Programme of Study for Key Stage 2.

International Schools Award

The school will aim to be part of the International Schools Award

The International School Award encourages and supports schools to develop:

- An international ethos embedded throughout the school
- A majority of pupils within the school impacted by and involved in international work
- Collaborative curriculum-based work with a number of partner schools
- Curriculum-based work across a range of subjects
- Year-round international activity
- Involvement of the wider community

All children within the school will have an opportunity to learn more about the world beyond our village. This will be done through:-

- Assemblies:- singing, celebrations such as Diwali
- Our curriculum - Rainforests, Frozen Planet
- Our partner school links - schools in France, Germany and Bangladesh

Every year we will celebrate our International School status by holding a whole school day which enables us to learn more about different country. Parents will be invited in for a café based on the country visited on that day. They share their learning with the rest of the school through assemblies. COVID permitting children in their school houses will go around each class learning about the country.

In September each year we will celebrate the European Day of Languages where children will be immersed in the language and culture of different countries around the world.

Throughout the school signs are given in the target language so that children are immersed from a young age.

Each class has a class bear and diary which goes on trips with the children. Children share their experiences with the bear online and in assemblies.

Monitoring and evaluation

The Subject Leader monitors the effectiveness of the language teaching provided throughout the school. The Subject Leader and class teacher will together monitor the learning and progression made by pupils across the key stage.

All data, ranging from evidence of classroom teaching to individual pupil skills reports, is securely stored on a password protected database. This can be accessed by class teachers, the Subject Leader and SLT so all key stakeholders can evaluate delivery, performance and progress. This data can be presented to parents at parent-teacher meetings and will also be used to ensure the Foreign Languages SEF is updated as appropriate.

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