



SUBJECT CURRICULUM STATEMENT: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES (MFL)

INTENT

Through our Modern Foreign Language curriculum, at St John's, we aim for children to provide an opening to other cultures. We aim to foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world, embedding our core values of wisdom, respect, hope, self-control, friendship and perseverance. Our teaching is planned to enable children to communicate for practical reasons, express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to other people speaking in that language, primarily in speech and as they progress in writing.

IMPLEMENTATION

At St John's C of E First School, we base our MFL planning on the National Curriculum Attainment Targets. We plan clear sequences of learning developing children's vocabulary, knowledge, skills and understanding of the language.

A range of languages is introduced to children from EYFS through to Year 4, with the register often taken in a range of different languages. Children who have English as an additional languages are encouraged to share their mother tongue with their class.

MFL is more formally taught when the children move into Year 3, and is taught throughout Years 3 and 4. We have chosen to teach French, as we know this is the MFL they will continue to be taught when they move on to either of the two middle schools. Each half term, there an over-arching theme is planned to ensure knowledge is built upon: greetings, name, age, numbers, days of the week, months of the year, school

Children are given the opportunities to:

- ❖ Learn about France
- ❖ Listen attentively to spoken languages and show understanding by joining in and responding
- ❖ Explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes
- ❖ Engage in conversations in French, speaking in sentences using familiar vocabulary and phrases.
- ❖ Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation
- ❖ Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words introduced to them
- ❖ Read and write French words and simple phrases they have learnt orally.

IMPACT

By the end of Year 4 at St John's C of E First School, we aim for children to be confident and inquisitive linguists with a developing understanding of the French language with a main focus on speaking; they have the skills to hold simple conversations. Our Year 4 children are equipped with the necessary vocabulary, knowledge and skills to continue their MFL learning journey at middle school.

CULTURAL CAPITAL

Our aim is that through their French learning at St John's, children will have the foundations for learning further languages, equipping them to continue their studies at middle school, and beyond into their adult lives, where they may choose to study and work in other countries.