



SUBJECT CURRICULUM STATEMENT: MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (MFL)

INTENT

Through our Modern Foreign Language curriculum, we aim to provide an opening to other cultures through language. 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, to the basic writing of words.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

A range of languages are introduced to children from EYFS through to Year 4, with the register possibly being taken in a different language or looking briefly at a language linked to an area of learning. Children who have English as an additional language are encouraged to share their home language with their class.

MFL is more formally taught when the children move into Year 3, and is taught throughout Years 3 and 4. We teach French to support the children with the continued learning in this subject when they move on to either of the two Frome middle schools where French is the additional language taught.

Each half term, there is an over-arching theme to ensure knowledge is built upon as well as recapping previous learning and vocabulary.

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, through role play, 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 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 their next school.

CULTURAL CAPITAL

Our aim is that through their French learning at St John's, children will be equipped to continue their studies at Middle School and beyond into their adult lives, where they may choose to study or work in other countries. We hope that through the early exposure to an additional language, the children have the foundations and enthusiasm for learning other languages.