

Modern Foreign Languages

French

Learning a foreign language fosters pupils' curiosity and deepens their understanding of the world. Learning a French enables pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It will also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read in the original language. Language teaching will provide the foundation for learning further languages, ultimately equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

KS2 children are taught French with a focus on practical communication aiming 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 length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied

They are taught this in several different ways:

- Listening to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.
- Exploring the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.
- Engaging in conversations and ask and answer questions.
- Speaking in sentences using familiar vocabulary.
- Developing accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand.
- Presenting ideas and information orally.
- Reading carefully and showing understanding of words and phrases and simple writing.
- Appreciating stories, songs, poems and rhymes.
- Writing phrases from memory and adapting these to create new sentences.

