

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Curriculum Statement

Our MFL curriculum is delivered in KS2 by a language specialist through well-planned, inclusive and engaging lessons that include extensive modelling and opportunities to practise new vocabulary and skills in weekly lessons. This enables our pupils to communicate in another language and empowers them to understand and respond to French speakers, expressing ideas and thoughts relevant to their needs. We encourage children from Early Years Foundation Stage to KS1 to learn one French word/phrase per week and carry out short activities including counting games, singing songs, and reading books in preparation for them starting weekly lessons in KS2. We focus on developing their competences in listening, reading, speaking and writing, building up their independence and self-confidence. It is important to note, that whilst our chosen modern foreign language is French, due to the links with the local high schools, the skills that the children acquire in the language learning process are key to developing a keen interest in further language acquisition. Their exposure to a variety of languages is instrumental in broadening their understanding of the world around them; whilst also enabling them the potential to be ambitious within international settings.

INTENT	IMPLEMENTATION	PLANNED IMPACT
<p><i>A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing.</i> (National Curriculum 2014 – Appendix A)</p> <p>The skills, knowledge and understanding gained through learning a language contribute to the development of children's oracy and literacy and to their understanding of their own culture and those of others. At Holy Family, we feel that the earlier a child is exposed to a foreign language, the faster the language in question is acquired. We believe that the early acquisition of French will facilitate the learning of other foreign languages later in life. We will prepare children for the KS3 language curriculum to enable them to transfer confidently and successfully.</p>	<p>In line with the National Curriculum for MFL, pupils at Holy Family are taught to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help have opportunities to work in groups of different sizes, in pairs, small groups, large groups and as a whole class. speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases, and basic language structures develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences 	<p>Through the high-quality teaching of French from a subject specialist, we will see the impact of the subject in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Children will become aware that a language has a structure, and that the structure differs from one language to another. · Children will develop their language and communication through development of the four key skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. · Children will enrich their language learning by developing an understanding of the French culture.

Respect, Responsibility, Resilience

<p>We aim for our pupils to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand and respond to language from a variety of authentic sources, • speak with increasing self-esteem and spontaneity • use the variety of grammatical structures they have learnt when communicating. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing • understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied. • This is delivered through a weekly French lesson, taught by a specialist external French teacher and through repetition and rehearsal at regular intervals throughout the year. • This is delivered in Early Years Foundation Stage and KS1 by focusing on a French word a week and using different resources throughout the day to imbed the language for example stories, songs, poems and rhymes. 	<p>Children will transfer to KS3 effectively and successfully and will be well prepared to continue and develop their language skills.</p>
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