



Milton Road Primary School MFL Policy

Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. (National Curriculum)

Our Vision

At Milton Road Primary School, we value the many languages spoken in our school community. We have a strong focus on effective communication throughout our curriculum, which extends to our MFL curriculum. Our approach to teaching French is underpinned by an understanding that learning one language opens the doors to learning others. By learning languages, we encourage children to broaden their horizons and appreciate the fact that they are global citizens. 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. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. We seek to empower our children for their future where living, working or travelling abroad may require the confidence and skill to communicate in another language.

Our intention in the teaching of French is that pupils will learn to:

- * 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.
- * 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.
- * develop and nurture pupils' sense of self and allow them opportunity to explore their own abilities.

'We want our children to be happy today, fulfilled in the future and able to make the world a brighter place'

How we plan and teach French at KS2

MFL at Milton Road Primary School is taught in accordance with the National Curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages. Pupils begin learning French in Key Stage Two where they enjoy a weekly French lesson.

Our teachers follow the Early Start French online scheme of work which is divided into thematic units and is accompanied by authentic video-links, songs, pronunciation aids and associated learning activities. In the first lesson of the unit the pupils are immersed in the target language and the focus is on listening and speaking. Subsequent lessons reinforce these skills and start to develop their reading and writing components of the language. They also make meaningful links to grammar and the similarities and differences between English and French sentence structures. We also have other high-quality resources to supplement our planning and teaching of French. In addition each year group has a bank of Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction books in French.

Threading through each unit is a cultural aspect to France and French speaking countries, allowing the pupils to learn about their festivals, history, artists and customs.

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