



Modern Foreign Languages

Intent

At Burghclere Primary School, we want every child to experience learning a language in an enjoyable way, opening their minds to the possibilities of being able to communicate with people from around the world. We want to provide the foundations for learning languages in the future. French is the chosen language for children at Key Stage 2 to learn. We also encourage the use of other languages, for example those spoken at home by pupils, through language games, songs, answering the register, language days, assemblies etc across the school.

Implementation

The school teaches the National Curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages.

In Y3/4 the school teaches a wide range of French vocabulary in thematic groups e.g days of the week. The children are encouraged to listen to, speak, and read, words and phrases using this vocabulary so that they are ready to begin more formal learning in Y5/6. The lessons are short, focussed and fun, building children's confidence and enjoyment of learning a new language. Vocabulary is revisited frequently to embed a solid foundation for the next stage of learning.

In Y5/6 the school follows the Oak academy scheme of work for French. Lessons and units are knowledge and vocabulary rich so that pupils build on what they already know. Knowledge is sequenced and mapped in a coherent format so that pupils make meaningful connections. Lessons are taught weekly. While much learning is verbal and auditory, children also record their learning and write words, phrases and sentences in an exercise book.

Impact

The school aims for all Y6 pupils to leave primary school equipped with a range of French vocabulary, and the confidence and enjoyment of learning a language which will form a strong foundation for their modern foreign language learning at Key Stage 3 and beyond.

The school will measure the impact of the MFL curriculum through:

- The number of children meeting National Curriculum expectations at the end of Key Stage 2
- The children's engagement and enthusiasm in French activities (learning walks and through pupil discussions)
- The children's recall and understanding of French vocabulary taught

