

# Modern Foreign Languages

## Intent

At Westcott Primary School we aim to instil a love of language learning and an awareness of other cultures. We want our children to develop the confidence to communicate in French for practical purposes, using both written and spoken French. We provide language rich lessons to enable children to begin to develop an understanding of a second language and its grammatical structure, facilitating future study at secondary school and opening opportunities to study and work in other countries in the future.

## Implementation

Our children are given opportunities to communicate for practical purposes around familiar subjects and routines. We ensure the children are provided with balanced opportunities for communication in both spoken and written French.

## Impact

- Children will be able to engage in purposeful dialogue in practical situations (e.g., ordering in a cafe, following directions) and express an opinion.
- They will make increasingly accurate attempts to read unfamiliar words, phrases, and short texts.
- Children will speak and read aloud with confidence and accuracy in pronunciation.
- They will demonstrate understanding of spoken language by listening and responding appropriately.

At Westcott Primary, the children say that language is... "a way of communicating with others in an engaging way."

### Our linguists

At Westcott Primary school, we want our children to become confident speaking a language other than their native one. Our children are inspired and develop a love of the French language and understand the culture of the countries in which the language is spoken.

### The Sequence

Our MFL curriculum consists of 12 progressive units across KS2. The curriculum provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language as well as the fundamental phonetical knowledge needed to understand the French language. This progressive curriculum lays the foundations for further foreign language teaching. We offer a bespoke spiral curriculum, with key skills and vocabulary revisited repeatedly with increasing complexity, allowing pupils to revise and build on their previous learning.

### The Learning

Lessons incorporate a range of teaching strategies from independent tasks, paired and group work (including role-play), language games and language detective work. We focus on developing 'language detective skills' to enable them to identify patterns, while developing an understanding of French grammar. Children explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.

### The Teaching

We teach French across Key Stage 2. Our school uses the "Language Angels" scheme of work to support the teaching and learning of French and we have adapted this to fit the context of our school. Teachers are provided with clear progression for the development of speaking and listening and vocabulary acquisition. Teachers teach weekly language lessons or block where necessary so children's learning can be embedded in a specific area of learning.