

Intent

'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.' (National Curriculum 2014 - Appendix A)

Learning a language has an important role to play in the preparation of our children's futures, as it helps to develop confidence and raise cultural understanding and deepens their curiosity about the world around them. All our children are provided with opportunities to explore French as a Modern Foreign Language through the skills of Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, whilst meeting the requirements of the National Curriculum.

At Kirkby on Bain, we believe that the early acquisition of French facilitates the learning of other foreign languages later in life and so we offer French lessons to the whole school. We aim to prepare children for the KS3 languages curriculum to enable them to transfer confidently and successfully. We offer a broad, vibrant and ambitious MFL curriculum that will inspire and excite our children. We use a wide variety of topics and themes that relate to other areas of the curriculum, whilst building on what children have previously learnt. We value the home languages spoken by our children.

Implementation

We teach French weekly across the whole school, delivered by a specialist teacher. Madame Fuller provides clear progression for the development of speaking and listening, reading and writing. Children in ks2 have a one hour lesson. Children in ks1 have a shorter weekly lesson focusing on oral skills with Maple class beginning lessons in the summer term. We use a variety of the following techniques to encourage children to have an active engagement with French:

- Games - in order to develop vocabulary through repetition, reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- Role-play - these should relate to the situations the children may find themselves in the future.
- Action songs and rhymes - to develop phonetic skills, memory skills and to further vocabulary.
- Reading and writing quality materials.
- ICT programs and websites; the use of ICT to develop communication skills.

Our children learn through active participation in actions, rhymes, stories, song, grammar focus, video clips, sentence structure, dictionary work and many other creative ways to extend, embed and combine language skills.

We build children's confidence through praise for any contribution they make in the foreign language, and love it when our children use French spontaneously around school.

We base the teaching on the 2014 National Curriculum. We have adapted this to the context of our school and deliver an ambitious curriculum.

Impact

Through the high quality teaching of French taking place we will see the impact of the subject in the following ways:

- Children will be able to communicate with each other in French.
- 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 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.
- Children will learn how language skills can be applied to a range of languages.
- Children will transfer to KS3 effectively and successfully and will be well prepared to continue and develop their language skills.
- Children enjoy learning a language

Our children are tolerant of different cultures and enthusiastic language learners.