

FRENCH ON A PAGE

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." Frank Smith
"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart." Nelson Mandela



Intent - We aim to...

Foster an interest in language learning by introducing children to other languages in a way that is enjoyable and accessible to all pupils

Enable pupils to speak with increasing confidence, fluency, intonation and spontaneity; finding ways of communicating what they want to say.

Stimulate and encourage children's curiosity about language

Provide children with opportunities to understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.

Help children develop their awareness of cultural similarities and differences

Implementation - How do we achieve this?

Rationale

At Minchinhampton we believe that learning a language opens the door to new opportunities. Learning a foreign language fosters pupils' curiosity and deepens their understanding of the world: essential in the multi-cultural society in which we live. Through learning French, pupils extend their communication skills both practically and socially. At the end of KS2, when pupils leave Minchinhampton, we hope to have developed an enjoyment of language learning in all pupils and have laid the foundations for further foreign language teaching and learning at key stage 3 and beyond.

Planning and Knowledge Organiser (KO)

The teachers have access to the school's French KO and use that as their basis for planning. This document outlines what knowledge, skills and vocabulary should be used when covering a specific unit. Teachers are able to see what skills and knowledge have been taught previously and therefore ensure a clear progression. Teachers will use *Rigolo* for support in delivering the units.

French Lessons—content and organisation

French is taught in KS2 and is predominantly taught using *Rigolo*: an online teaching resource aimed at specialist and non-specialist KS2 language teachers. The programme takes the children through 24 units including a wide range of topics such as: introducing themselves, family, animals, foods, sports, schools, in the town and holidays. Therefore, pupils will cover 6 subjects per academic year. French lessons usually last about 45 minutes and take place once a week. In addition to this focussed teaching, children continue to recall their knowledge in short bursts throughout the week to support long term memory.

Implementation - continued...

French lessons—how pupils are taught

French lessons typically include games, stories, animated stories, role play and songs to support pupils' learning. The Rigolo teaching programme follows the amazing adventures of Jake, Polly and Bof as they discover France through lively interactions and colourful stories. This learning is supplemented with other books and activities. In Y3/4 the focus is mainly speaking and listening with some written work, this increases in complexity as pupils progress through the school. Initially pupils learn nouns and basic phrases, progressing to whole sentences and conversations by the end of KS2.

Assessment

Pupils are informally assessed in French throughout their learning. This could be through a range of ways including: observation of speaking and listening activities, questioning, written responses and pupil feedback. In addition to this, low stakes quizzes are used to provide information on how pupils are retaining their knowledge. Pupils also self-assess their learning against the termly objectives.

Trips/Extra-Curricular...

Throughout the year, we aim to have French days where the children can spend time fully immersing themselves in the language and culture of France. The whole of KS2 will come together for some activities with others being taught in classes. Activities may include typical French games, stories and food tasting. When possible we have students from secondary schools coming in to work alongside our pupils.

All pupils have access to a range of French language books to enjoy . These are also read to the children in class and assemblies.

Impact - How do we know we've achieved our aims?

Pupils are engaged in lessons and curious to learn the French language and the geography and culture of France.

There will be a clear development of skills from Year 3 to Year 6.

Pupils will be able to listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.

Pupils will be able to engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others.

Pupils will be able to speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.

Pupils will be able to appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in French.