



Townlands C of E Primary Academy

A journey of learning in the light of God's love.

Languages

"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom."

Roger Bacon

Our Vision for French

At Townlands, we believe that learning a foreign language allows our pupils to develop their communication skills and expand their horizons in relation to the world in which they live. Children learn French as a modern foreign language. They begin formal French lessons in Year Three but may be introduced to basic French words in KS1.

Why do we teach languages?

At Townlands, we value French as an important part of the children's entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum. We aim to introduce the learning of the French language and the understanding of its culture in enjoyable and stimulating ways. We develop the essential skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing. We aim to build the children's 'culture capital' so that they are aware of similarities and differences between cultures.

The MFL curriculum aims to ensure that all children:

- Ask and answer questions
- Use correct pronunciation and intonation
- Memorise words
- Interpret meaning
- Understand basic grammar
- Use dictionaries
- Work in pairs and groups, and communicate in French
- Look at life in another culture
- Read and decode words in French

As a school, we want to:

- Develop a curriculum which promotes progress and understanding
- Develop cultural capital, to give our pupils the vital knowledge required to be informed and thoughtful members of our community
- Broaden children's experiences

Rationale – Why we do what we do...

After completing an audit of French with pupils and staff we know that our pupils really enjoy these lessons. Our progression documents enable teachers to plan the development of French purposefully in KS2.

Enrichment

In addition to our French lessons, children in KS2 will learn to sing songs in French and these songs have sometimes been shared with the whole school during class assemblies. KS2 classrooms also have signs in French displayed. This makes learning the language more meaningful and gives it a purpose.

All children are given the opportunity to participate in a collaborative whole school languages day. Children in KS1 and KS2 are introduced to a range of European languages and associated aspects of different cultures, for example German, Spanish, Ukrainian.

How do we deliver the languages curriculum?

The teaching and implementation of the MFL curriculum at Townlands is based on the National Curriculum. Our content is subject specific, however we make cross-curricular links to strengthen schema if appropriate. Reading, writing, speaking and listening skills are further promoted in MFL.

Skills and Techniques

- Speaking in French
- Listening to French
- Singing in French
- Reading words
- Find similarities between languages
- Writing simple sentences from memory and with support

These skills are developed progressively over the years in KS2, so that the children can build upon and refine their understanding in each area. Throughout all lessons, speaking and listening is a key skill. Teachers can also use Rigolo to deliver French lessons.

French in the curriculum:

- We plan using the National Curriculum
- We enhance the curriculum using progression grids
- Subject progression grids are used to develop long term planning
- Teachers use the long term planning to plan units of work and deliver individual lessons

This is how we support and ensure access for all children:

- Ensure that a range of equipment and resources are available to enable success for all pupils (e.g. songs, videos, templates etc).
- We use teacher and self-assessment to quickly identify any child who requires additional support in specific skills

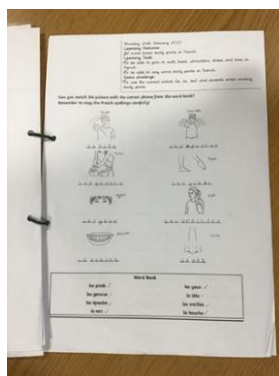
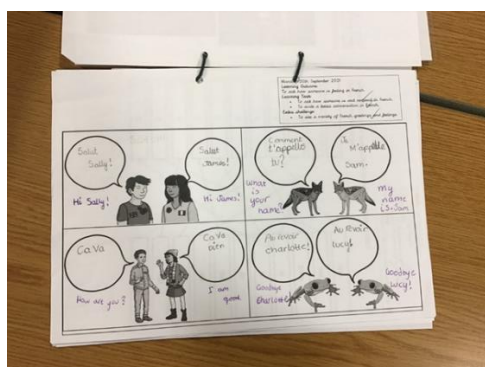
This is how we challenge:

- An additional challenge planned for, from the very start of the lesson

How does the languages curriculum embed knowledge?

The successful approach to teaching French at Townlands results in children who have a sound understanding of how a language differs to their own and enables children to develop a greater appreciation of a different culture and its customs.

Examples of learning in KS2



Useful websites

Here are links to some useful websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zq6pyrd>

<https://www.all-languages.org.uk/>