



Intent, Implementation and Impact for French

Intent

The themes presented provide an introduction to the culture of French-speaking countries and communities. It aims to foster children's curiosity and help deepen their understanding of the world. The curriculum allows opportunity for children to gradually build on their skills while revisiting key vocabulary on a regular basis. The lessons enable children to express their ideas and thoughts in French and provides opportunities to interact and communicate with others both in speech and in writing. The lessons aim to expose children to authentic French, so the scheme offers regular opportunities to listen to native speakers.

In Lower KS2, children acquire basic skills and understanding of French with a strong emphasis placed on developing their Speaking and Listening skills. These will be embedded and further developed in Upper KS2, alongside Reading and Writing, gradually progressing onto more complex language concepts and greater learner autonomy.

The lessons intend to inspire pupils to develop a love of languages and to expand their horizons to other countries, cultures and people. We aim to help children grow into curious, confident and reflective language learners and to provide them with a foundation that will equip them for further language studies.

Implementation

Lessons are sequenced so that prior learning is considered and opportunities for revision of language and grammar are built in.

Lessons and resources help children to build on prior knowledge alongside the introduction of new skills. A series of lessons on a variety of settings and topics provide structure and context as well as offering an insight into the culture of French-speaking countries and communities. The introduction and revision of key vocabulary and grammatical structures is built into each lesson. This vocabulary is then included in display materials and additional resources so that children have opportunities to repeat and revise their learning. All of the lesson packs contain adult guidance, accurate language subject knowledge and accompanying audio materials.

There is strong emphasis on the practical element of spoken French where the children are encouraged to repeat words and phrases to improve pronunciation before attempting to use the language themselves. Written work further promotes understanding of the language as well as drawing attention to pronunciation in relation to spelling and how this can be used to decode unfamiliar, new words.

Impact

Using the full range of planning resources and display materials will increase the profile of languages across school. Whole-school and parental engagement will improve through opportunities suggested in lessons and overviews for wider learning.

We want to ensure that French is loved by teachers and pupils across school, therefore encouraging them to embark on further language studies. Impact can also be measured through key questioning skills built into lessons, child-led assessment such as success criteria grids, and summative assessments aimed at targeting next steps in learning. Impact of learning can also be measured through pupil interviews, lesson monitoring, discussion with teaching staff and book scrutinies.