

French

Intent

We believe that learning French throughout Key Stage 2 provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for all our pupils. It helps children to develop communication skills as well as give them a new and broader perspective on the world, encouraging them to understand their own traditions and those of others. Our intention is to provide children with a love for learning new languages and an appreciation of the differences and nuances of foreign grammatical structures.

As well as providing excellent, knowledgeable teaching that offers high quality, creative lessons, the children's linguistic journey has real purpose. During Year 6, the children visit France for a five-day residential, using and applying what has been taught over the course of the Key Stage and fully immersing themselves in different lifestyles and cultures.

Implementation

During Key Stage 2 at Moorfield Primary School, French is taught on a two-year rotating program. Units are selected and lessons planned, using the Primary Languages Network scheme of work to ensure that each students' knowledge of phonics, vocabulary and grammar is introduced systematically and revisited regularly. Between years 3 and 6, threads of content will be repeated, practised and built upon to show a clear progression in understanding of how to speak, read, write and listen in French.

During one unit:

- new learning builds on prior knowledge and understanding
- phonics, vocabulary and grammar are introduced systematically and explicitly
- students are encouraged to answer questions and express themselves in French, both verbally and through written work
- students are given the opportunity to use and manipulate their acquired French language vocabulary skills to show a clear understanding of grammatical structures that have been introduced
- in addition to the teacher speaking French, native speaker videos and sound files are used, giving students the chance to hear a variety of French voices
- At the end of each unit of work, a summative assessment is carried out and children are given the opportunity to reflect on and record their learning.

At Moorfield Primary School, French lessons are planned and delivered by a specialist teacher. Staff who also may deliver these lessons are highly supported and CPD is also available through Primary Languages Network using upskilling videos, teacher sound files and online CPD sessions.

Students will be frequently given the opportunity to demonstrate their learning by shared talking and performing small role play performances in their class. To show progression, each student has an exercise book that is used to record written work from Year 3 all the way to Year 6. This gives students the opportunity to refer to previously acquired vocabulary and grammar in order to apply it to their new learning.

Impact

Through learning French at Moorfield Primary School, students are given the chance to not only gain an awareness of other cultures and countries, but also foster an interest in learning a foreign language and the benefits of doing so. They will also develop their speaking and listening skills, understand that different languages have different structures and develop transferable skills to learn foreign languages in the future.