

Modern Foreign Language (MFL) – French

'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. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.' **National Curriculum Programme of Study, 2014.**

Implementation

At Pontesbury Primary School we aim to provide a rich and engaging MFL curriculum to our Key Stage 2 classes. Our chosen MFL is French as this is a primary language taught by our main feeder secondary school. We have worked closely with Mary Webb to plan a curriculum which will provide a sound foundation for further language learning and aid transition into their secondary French curriculum.

- French is taught to KS2 through discrete lessons each week.
- The sequence of learning is planned to cover a range of topics, allowing for frequent revision and progression through each year group.
- The sessions consist mainly of speaking and listening but will also include children reading and writing in French in upper Key Stage 2.
- The children will also be introduced to basic grammatical structures and discuss how these may differ from or be similar to English.

Further opportunities for French learning include:

- Reading and enjoying French stories: we have a selection of French story books in our school library.
- Celebrating events such as International Day of Languages.
- Learning about other aspects of French culture and traditions.