

Languages at Northwick Manor Primary School

At Northwick we aim to inspire our budding linguists to develop self-confidence and be brave enough to communicate in another language.

Learning a foreign language helps all pupils develop their interests and curiosity in the similarities and differences between themselves and others. It is embedded into everyday teaching, allowing children to explore other countries, cultures, people and communities.

At our school, we focus on French as a key language for children to experience. We aim to "lay the foundations" for foreign language learning at KS3, as stated in the National Curriculum. There are also opportunities to learn some Spanish and German, to enable a smooth transition in to Secondary School language learning.



Aims and Objectives

- Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- Engage in conversations, ask and answer questions, express opinions and respond to others
- Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- Write phrases from memory; and adapt these to create new sentences, expressing their ideas clearly
- Develop cultural links and experiences when opportunities arise
- Develop interest and curiosity in the similarities and differences between themselves and others
- Promote tolerance of, and interest in, other cultures
- Extend communication skills and thus develop self-esteem

How do the children learn French?

All Key Stage 2 children have a 30 minute lesson each week, taught by Mrs Briand, the specialist teacher. Each year group work through a variety of topics that ensure continuity and progression. French is taught by encompassing the 4 skill areas: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Children are taught in a creative and exciting way to develop and foster confidence in using the language. Children are taught in Target Language (French) and are encouraged to use it where possible.



Topics

- Greetings
- Personal information, age, birthdays
- Numbers, days, months and dates
- Classroom equipment and instructions
- Colours and adjectives
- Pets
- Sports
- Town and Geographical locations in France
- Body and illness
- Clothes
- Holidays
- Food
- House
- School

Throughout lessons pupils will learn basic grammar rules to ensure progression. They will learn a skills set to adapt and use new language. From an early stage all pupils will use full sentences using key phrases.