

French at Hardwick Primary School



Statement of Intent

Key purpose

The Importance of French in our Curriculum

French is important because it teaches the skills and knowledge to be able to read, write, speak and listen in a foreign language so that children to have expanded life experience and career opportunities beyond English speaking countries.

French learning enables children to be familiar with a second language before moving onto Key Stage 3.

Learning the skills taught in French enables all children to become successful communicators within their peer group.

We want our children to develop a lifelong love of experiencing a foreign language and culture – not just Eurocentric but spanning continents across the global.

Being able to read, write, speak and listen in a second language (French) provides children with a sense of fulfilment and can positively impact on their wellbeing

Implementation: Key Principles

What are the distinctive ways of knowing, working and learning French at our school?

Children are given opportunities to experience a range of text and genre types.

Children are taught about French spelling patterns, punctuation and accents, to enable the mechanics of writing.

Children are given opportunities write creatively and imaginatively across different situations.

Children learn about famous French events and personalities, exposing them to a wealth of French history and culture.

Teachers are part of the reading and writing experience, modelling handwritten example texts, sharing, guiding and editing writing together and reading aloud for all our enjoyment.

Opportunities for drama, partner & group work are prevalent throughout the French curriculum.

Speaking and Listening is developed through asking and answering questions and building upon the ideas of others.

Unfamiliar vocabulary is explored through the use of bi-lingual dictionaries to help children develop meaning of a text in which is context

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Expectations: What does success look like in French?

Children enjoy and achieve in French.

Children have the desire to explore and challenge themselves when writing in a second language.

Children are able to read phrases, sentences and paragraphs independently using current knowledge, word banks and bi-lingual dictionaries

Children are exposed to relevant, contemporary and engaging text and video content giving them an insight into French culture

Children are able to understand a personal range of vocabulary and have opportunities to use this in their writing and spoken language

Children will have opportunities to enable them to communicate in French

Children are provided with opportunities to explore to a second language; equipping them with skills needed to take their next steps into further education.