



## **Our Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum**

### **Intent**

“Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils’ curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world” (National Curriculum 2014 programme of study for Languages).

The 2014 National Curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages aims to ensure that all children:

- Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.
- Are able to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and that they are continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.
- Can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.
- Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

At Busbridge C E Junior School we are committed to ensuring that competence in another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. It also helps children develop skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of French in years 3 – 6, provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and lays the foundations for further foreign language teaching at KS3.

### **Implementation**

Children are introduced to French from the Spring term of Year 3 and receive a weekly 30-minute lesson, throughout their time in school. This enables the children to develop early language acquisition skills that facilitate their understanding of the patterns of language and how these differ from, or are similar to, English. Our curriculum is planned so that we immerse children in a new language, linking experiences in French to those that they would also have had in English. The progression of language and skills that the children are taught are carefully mapped out to support children’s progress, providing opportunities for over learning to reduce cognitive load, retrieval practice and interleaved learning.

- Lessons across the Key Stage support the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing:
- Children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and respond, joining in with songs, rhymes and games.
- Children develop an appreciation of a variety of stories, songs, poems and rhymes in French that are delivered through the curriculum content.
- Children develop the skills to write for different purposes and audiences and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in French.
- We use a range of resources to teach French including Twinkl and La Joile Round.
- We use a variety of techniques to encourage the children to engage actively in the modern foreign language: these include games, role-play and songs (particularly action songs). We frequently use mime, pictures and games to accompany new vocabulary in the foreign language, as this teaches the language without the need for translation.



- We teach the four strands of speaking, listening, reading and writing and to understand basic grammar, including: feminine, masculine and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.
- We use a multi-sensory and kinaesthetic approach to teaching. Research has also shown that physical responses planned into lessons help to improve enjoyment, provide opportunities for reinforcement through actions, help memory through actions, increase confidence as movement and games can provide safe ways of speaking aloud and it helps learning through creating a positive atmosphere.
- We make the lessons as entertaining and enjoyable as possible as we realise that this approach serves to develop a positive attitude in the children to the learning of modern foreign languages. We build children's confidence through praise for any contribution that they make in the foreign language, however tentative.
- We allow for differentiation, with a range of strategies, which include:
  - Providing resources and setting tasks of different complexities, matched to the ability of the child.
  - Setting common tasks which are open-ended and can have a variety of responses.
  - Providing speaking and writing frames to scaffold responses.
  - Using a range of questioning

## **Impact**

Our MFL curriculum ensures that children develop their knowledge of where different languages, are spoken in the world.

Varied learning experiences, also ensure that languages are celebrated throughout the school community whilst providing a context for language learning and develop the children's understanding of different cultures. This ties in with other curriculum areas including PHSCE, RE, History and Geography.

The children are assessed continually throughout the year, with the teacher giving feedback through marking and verbal feedback.

This process is supported by the end of KS2 statements in the National Curriculum 2014.

Parents receive assessment information regarding MFL in yearly reports.

## **Equal Opportunities**

At Busbridge C E Junior we are committed to promoting equal opportunities irrespective of socioeconomic background, gender, disability and ethnicity in all areas of the curriculum. We believe all children should have access to participate in the learning of languages and to be supported in this process.

## **Inclusion**



At Busbridge C E Junior School, we teach a modern foreign language to all children. A modern foreign language forms part of the school's commitment to providing a broad and balanced education to all children. Through our modern foreign language teaching, we provide learning opportunities that enable all children to make progress. We do this by setting suitable learning challenges and responding to each child's different needs.