

St Oswald's Catholic Primary School

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



Modern Foreign Languages



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Overview

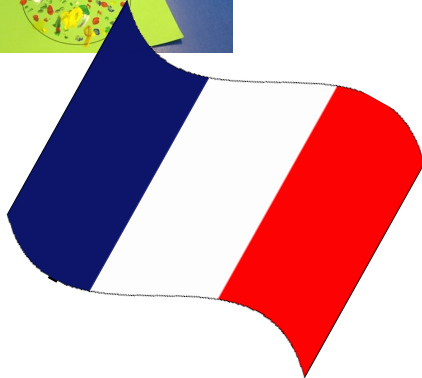
We believe that learning a Modern Foreign Language in primary school is truly a precious gift for a child's education. Learning another language provides a 'cultural currency' which can be used in the real world. It also allows children the opportunity to learn about other cultures and traditions. Of course, the main purpose of MFL learning is knowing how to speak to others. Once pupils find out that they can actually communicate in a foreign language and be understood, they will be keen to develop their knowledge and skills even further.



Intent



At St. Oswald's, we understand that learning a foreign language is 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. 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.



'To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world.'

-Chinese proverb



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Implementation

In KS2, the language of French is delivered to a very high standard as a discreet subject by a secondary school qualified teacher. At St. Oswald's, we plan and explore opportunities in MFL through the use of connections that we have established throughout the years of teaching the subject. We provide an appropriate balance of spoken and written language which lays the foundations for further development at KS3.



The main focus of study in French is practical communication but pupils will be taught to:

- Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes
- Speak in sentences using familiar vocabulary
- Read carefully and show understanding of words
- Broaden their vocabulary, including using a dictionary
- Write phrases from memory and adapt them to create new sentences
- Understand basic grammar appropriate to the French language

Impact

All children in KS2 at St. Oswald's receive an exciting and engaging MFL curriculum with clear progression of skills and knowledge that we have devised as part of our curriculum offer to ensure that all children can access it at an age-appropriate level.

Children are learning to work both independently and as part of a group, ensuring skills of resilience and teamwork are promoted in this subject. Children are enthused and engaged in the wide variety of activities they learn French through.

French Day is planned to be taken part in by the whole school to ensure that children experience another culture and language, appreciating our place in an ever-changing world.

By the end of KS2, pupils have been given an excellent foundation from which they can build on in French at KS3 and beyond. Our French teacher is an experienced former Secondary School Languages Lead so is familiar with the curriculum breadth and requirements beyond primary school, ensuring our children are ready for the next stage in their learning when they leave at the end of Year 6.



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