



Subject Vision 2022-23

Subject: Modern Foreign Languages

Leader: S Scarles

To be reviewed September 2023

'One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way' – Frank Smith

At Castle Hill Primary School, we base Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) on a wide perspective of ideals, viewing language knowledge as integral to the cultural richness of society and the world we live in. We are committed to providing a high-quality curriculum and intend for pupils to have opportunities to explore and understand the features and intricacies of a range of modern foreign languages, with our focus on French.

Having reconfigured our MFL curriculum map this year, we have a structure which is conducive to the children's long-term enjoyment and retention of their French learning. We strive to help pupils expand their speaking, listening, writing and reading skills through developing their confidence and linguistic independence. Our new 'Vocab Mats' are used to facilitate children's autonomy within the classroom, enabling them to translate their own ideas and remove the constraints of limited vocabulary exposure. There are also opportunities for daily engagement in MFL, when children are sometimes asked to respond to the register or give the date in French.

Outside our MFL curriculum, we are creating an ethos of inclusion and respect, where children develop an awareness of the countries, lifestyles and cultures associated with other languages. Each year, we take part in celebrating the European Day of Languages. For us, this involves both children and staff having exposure to a variety of dialects and expanding their lingual skills. A video review of our first Languages Day, where children learnt Hungarian, German or Italian, can be found here: <https://castlehillprimary.net/news/2021-10-14-languages-day-video>. For our most recent celebration, we explored The Commonwealth and learnt British Sign Language. The impact of this has led to pupils asking for a 'sign of the month', which is something we hope to implement over the coming year.