

The importance of the EEC together with foreign holidays have made learning a foreign language even more valuable. Communication is the key to French in the Middle School The children will have opportunities to communicate ideas, feelings and information in French- They will also be introduced to the French speaking world, in particular France and the way of life there. In doing so, we aim to develop in our pupils positive attitudes towards cultures other than their own.

French in Year 5 was often a child's first contact with a foreign language. We plan to make learning French a positive and enjoyable experience, utilising the enthusiasm the children generally have towards French at this age. Their speaking and listening skills are developed through songs, rhymes, games and role play activities.

We use a French course called "Equipe" with Years 6, 7 and 8. "Equipe" has been written especially to meet the demands of the National Curriculum. The books are colourful and attractive and the language is presented in a lively way which is relevant to the children's needs and interests. The cassettes allow native French speakers to be heard which aids understanding and pronunciation.

The main emphasis is still on speaking and listening skills with reading and writing skills gradually being introduced. The children will progress through the Levels of Attainment of the four Attainment Targets of the National Curriculum. These are Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

The children are taught in mixed ability groups. It is hoped that each child will experience enjoyment and a sense of achievement in learning French which they will take with them onto the High School. The school visit to France gives the opportunity for pupils in Years 7 and 8 to visit France and use their learning in a practical way.

In Year 5 your child will learn:

- Greetings and introductions.
- Numbers to 60.
- Colours.
- Classroom routines, instructions and objects.
- Weather phrases.
- Sports.
- Days of the week and the months of the year, including dates of birthdays.
- Likes and dislikes.
- Family.
- Pets.
- Stories and poems in French.

In Year 6 your child will learn:

- My classroom (exchange of personal information, classroom instructions and objects, the alphabet and spelling).
- Drinks and snacks (including numbers to 100 and prices with Euros).
- Clothes and colours.
- Sports and parts of the body.

- Stories and poems in French.

In Year 7 your child will learn:

- Classroom instructions and language.
- Places in a town.
- My family.
- Descriptions.
- At school (subjects, giving an opinion and time).
- Food and drink and meals.
- Sports and hobbies.
- A study of a French speaking country: St Lucia, incorporating general language learning skills and cultural knowledge.
- Elements of French grammar which have been introduced and practised including present tense and using opinions.

In Year 8 your child will learn:

- My house (including bedroom furniture and prepositions).
- In a town.
- Weather, including forecasts.
- Haiti.
- French traditions.
- Letter to a French footballer.
- Clothes and opinions.
- Parts of the body and illness.
- Countries, travel and holidays.
- TV programmes and films.
- Further elements of French grammar which have been introduced and practised, including present, future and past tenses.