



French

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart."

–Nelson Mandela

Curriculum Intent

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we believe that the learning of a language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for our children. It helps them to develop communication skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing and in addition, children's knowledge of how language works will be developed to lay the foundations for further language learning in future. The intent is that all content will be continuously updated and reviewed annually, creating a dynamic programme of study that will be clearly outlined in both long-term and short-term planning. This will ensure that the foreign language knowledge of our pupils progresses within each academic year and is extended year upon year throughout the primary phase and, in so doing, will always be relevant and in line with meeting or exceeding national DfE requirements.

Implementation

At our school we provide language lessons taught by the classroom teacher; each class from Year 3 receives a minimum of sixty minutes language provision a per fortnight for three full terms using Language Angels. In KS1 children experience one topic per term using Language Angels. We also integrate language learning into everyday school life, with teachers, teaching assistants and children using and experimenting with their knowledge of different languages whenever the opportunity arises. It is important that there is an emphasis on enjoyment as the new language is learnt. Computing is used where appropriate to enhance teaching and learning.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn						
Half term 1	Greetings (E)	Greetings (E)	Phonics lesson 1(C) + I am learning French (E)	Phonics lesson 1+2(C) + I can (E)	Family (I)	Phonics lesson 1,2 (C) + Do you have a pet (I)
Half term 2			Colours + Numbers (E)	Phonics lesson 2(C) + Family (I)	The classroom (I)	What is the date (I)
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Spring						
Half term 1	Numbers and colours (E)	Numbers and colours (E)	Fruit or veg (E)	Fruit/Veg (E) +Café (I)	Phonics lesson 3 (C) + What is the date? (I)	Phonics lesson 3,4 (C) + The weather (I)
Half term 2			I can (E)	The classroom (I)	Do you have a pet? (I)	Habitats (I)
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Summer						
Half term 1	Shapes (E)	Shapes (E)	Presenting myself (I)	My home (I)	My home (I)	At school (P)
Half term 2			Family (I)	Clothes (I)	Clothes (I)	The weekend (P)

Impact

It is intended that when children leave St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, they will have a natural curiosity and confidence to explore other countries, cultures and languages, accepting that, in a multi-lingual society, it is a valuable skill to be able to communicate effectively with others in another language. They will be enthusiastic and well prepared to continue language learning at secondary school. We believe that learning another language gives children a new and broader perspective on the world, encouraging them to understand both their own culture and those of others, and links with the importance we place on global learning in our school.