



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow
MFL Curriculum Rationale
2022-23



Intent:

A high quality language education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. At St Joseph's, we are committed to ensuring that competence and enthusiasm in learning another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. We endeavour to guide our children to become and grow as global citizens, developing skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of French in KS1 and KS2 focuses on the 4 areas: reading, writing (KS2), speaking and listening and provides an appropriate balance of these domains, laying the foundations for further foreign language teaching at KS3.

Implementation

Children are introduced to French from the EYFS and all classes use French as part of their daily routine. Year 2 have a weekly 30 minute lesson using the Bishop Chadwick Trust Scheme of Work. KS2 classes have an hour long lesson using the same scheme of work. This approach 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. Lessons across the Key Stages support the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing (KS2).

Children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and to 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. All lessons use PowerPoint presentations which are delivered by a native French speaker.

- Links have been developed with secondary schools within the Bishop Chadwick Trust
- French lessons are delivered through the Bishop Chadwick Trust scheme of work.
- Planned activities within the Trust, throughout the year celebrate the French language, culture, and traditions, allowing children to develop as global citizens.
- Our French Day enables the whole school to be immersed in the inclusion of the culture and use the language meaningfully in context.

Impact

Our MFL curriculum ensures that children develop their knowledge of where different languages, including the range of home languages spoken by the families of the school, are spoken in the world. Varied learning experiences, ensures that languages are celebrated throughout the school community whilst providing a context for language learning as well as developing the children's understanding of different cultures and global issues. We believe our children will:

- Acquire an appreciation, enjoyment and life-long love of languages
- Develop confident and positive attitudes towards language learning
- Demonstrate awareness of culture, traditions and languages spoken by families across the Trust

- Demonstrate their pride and the high status of MFL through classroom, school and online display of their quality work.