



CURRICULUM STATEMENT: French

Our Curriculum Intent for French:

The key characteristics that we have identified, and that we believe, will make a good linguist are

- To be a good listener.
- To be able to communicate and enjoy the experience.
- To make mistakes and to have the confidence to learn from them.
- To understand different ways of learning such as through songs, gestures, games, mimes and the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.
- To understand that practice is important.
- To be empathetic towards other learners.
- To be able to compare and understand familiar words in English / mother tongue and to be observant when looking at language patterns.
- To be able to work in pairs or small groups.
- To develop a positive attitude towards language learning.
- To enjoy learning.

We believe that language learning stimulates children's curiosity about different cultures and languages other than their own. We aim to inspire pupils to persevere and to enjoy their learning and to go on to further enhance their language learning skills in later life.

We aim to ensure that staff nurture a love of different languages and a respectful attitude towards different cultures other than their own and to encourage children's curiosity about language and to be creative when experimenting with it. Staff ensure that all pupils are exposed to high quality methodology and learning experiences with specific learning objectives that children can relate to and go on to achieve at their highest ability. At Mountfields Lodge we believe that learning a foreign language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for all pupils. It helps pupils to develop communication skills, including the four main skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, and extends and supports their knowledge of how language works thereby giving an extra dimension to the teaching and learning across the curriculum. We believe that learning another language gives children a new perspective on the world, encouraging them to understand their own cultures and those of others.

Our Curriculum Implementation for French:

At Mountfields Lodge French is taught from Year 3 to Year 6 in mixed ability classes and sometimes in mixed age group classes. However, those pupils who have a higher potential should be challenged and those pupils who find aspects of their learning more difficult should be appropriately supported to experience success. In ensuring that high standards of teaching and learning we implement a curriculum that is progressive throughout KS2.

We use 'Language Angels' as our primary resource for teaching French which allows pupils to build their language skills. It focuses on the 3 pillars of language; phonics, grammar and vocabulary.

Our Curriculum Impact for French:

There are opportunities for pupils to self-reflect in lessons and within the units of the language learning skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing are assessed.