

FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY

The study of a foreign language provides the children with a valuable educational, social and cultural experience. It helps them to develop communication skills, including key skills of speaking and listening and extends their knowledge of how language works. Learning another language gives children an additional perspective on the world, encouraging them to understand their own cultures and those of others.

There are key skills involved in the study of a foreign language: speaking & listening, reading & writing and intercultural understanding. These are developed across KS2 in the teaching of French by exploring a range of subject content which enables the children to communicate for practical purposes, and to read literature in French.

The teaching and learning may include:

- Ø learning French vocabulary
- Ø asking and answering questions
- Ø teaching of basic French grammar and spelling patterns
- Ø playing games and learning songs
- Ø using language that has been taught in role play situations
- Ø researching and learning about life in France
- Ø beginning to write phrases and sentences

Within our integrated curriculum, the skills are distinct though the content used may be topic base. Opportunities are sought to use the language within every-day activities such as registration and PE.

Assessment in French is on-going and is recorded on the skill matrix as the children achieve a particular competence.