



MFL Curriculum Statement

Intent:

Through teaching French, we aim to develop positive attitudes, interest and enthusiasm for languages. We foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world, giving them an awareness of different cultures. Through languages the children learn new ways of thinking and learn to communicate for practical purposes. We focus on building the children's confidence to communicate more widely so that they can show an understanding of what they hear and read and begin to express themselves in speech and writing. In teaching French, we make links across the curriculum so our children are able to make connections with countries studied in Geography and History. We are giving our children their first step into a world full of languages and opportunities.

Implementation:

In KS1 the children participate in up to 30 minutes each week of French learning. They engage in spoken activities, learning some basic words and phrases. They enjoy learning a number of rhymes, songs, games and short dialogues through which they begin to acquire key phonic sounds.

In KS2, the children participate in around 45 minutes each week of French learning. In years 3 & 4, children develop their vocabulary knowledge into reading, writing and saying simple sentences. These are developed into more complex sentences in years 5 & 6. As part of their learning, children continue to participate in songs, rhymes and games, and to progress their phonic knowledge, read simple children's books. Children take part in presentations and role-plays - particularly in more practical areas such as talking about themselves and shopping.

Impact:

Through their French learning, children leave Mytchett able to:

- Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- Engage in conversations, ask and answer questions, express opinions and respond to those of others, and seek clarification and help
- Speak in sentences using familiar vocabulary and basic language structures.
- Develop accurate pronunciation
- Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes
- Read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- Write their own phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, expressing their ideas clearly, showing an understanding of basic grammar
- Describe people, places, things and actions in speech and in writing