

Why we teach MFL (French) at Coton Green Primary School

Intent:

Learning a foreign language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for children. Children develop communication and literacy skills that lay the foundation for future language learning. At Coton Green Primary School, our MFL curriculum gives children the opportunity to make informed language choices and supports them to ask and answer questions about the French language and culture.

Implementation:

Underpinned by a visual and active phonics programme, our languages curriculum supports children to be confident in their pronunciation of words related to topics which interest them. For example: hobbies, sports, family, food and seasons. Not only do children at Coton Green learn to speak another language, but they understand and respect France and other French-speaking countries along with their culture, celebrations and traditions.

Children learn to listen, speak, read and write in French and teachers use a range of activities in order to keep lessons fun and engaging. This includes: repetition, choral response, games, pictures, videos, paired work and conversations with their peers. Objectives have been carefully organised with the opportunity for spaced practise and retrieval in order to develop confidence and knowledge as they progress through KS2. Ultimately, children should leave Year 6 with a strong understanding and respect for the French language and culture before progressing with their language learning journey in Secondary School.

Our new French programme of study (planned and resourced by experts at ATLP) was first implemented in 2020. Each Key Stage 2 class started on the Year 3 objectives and have progressed from this point. In September 2022, Year 6 are the first Year Group to have followed our French programme of study from Year 3 through to Year 6.

Impact:

- Children will be provided with opportunities to communicate with each other in French and be fluent in the mastery conversations.
- Children will know that language has structure, and that the structure differs from one language to another
- Children will develop their language through development of the four key skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.
- Children will enrich their language learning by developing an understanding of culture.
- Children will have the opportunity to visit France and apply their learning.

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