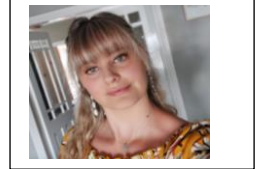




MFL

MFL Leader:
Mrs K Barwood



Mrs Barwood's passion for MFL

One of my earliest, and most cherished, memories is sitting on my grandad's knee learning how to speak French. Although I don't remember most of the language he taught me (I'm not sure he knew a lot), I remember the joy and laughter of being taught something only he knew. My grandad was the one who started my language journey. Then, throughout my years at school, my dad encouraged me to learn Spanish. He bought tapes and dictionaries to help me. I found it fascinating that I could speak a language no one else in my household could. This led me to studying Spanish in my GCSEs. My teacher was a fantastic teacher and a great role model to me and now I hope to encourage this excitement of learning a new language to the children of St Paul's.

MFL Subject Vision

Modern Foreign Languages is an important part of our school curriculum. As a school, we learn French. French is a very well-known language spoken in 29 countries across the world. French is also spoken within our school community making this a crucial aspect of our learning. Learning French allows French speaking children time to learn more and expand their own home spoken language; but it also encourages friendships between other children who are just beginning to learn. French will help build communities and start conversations.

MFL and St. Paul's Values & Ethos

The following St Paul's values are intertwined in our unique Languages curriculum.

Friendship and Nurturing:

Throughout our French lessons children will encourage and help each other with their language skills. They will also start to be able to communicate with others using French and build new friendships that they might not have had the chance to do before due to language barriers.

Respect and Tolerance:

Through French, children will understand that even though people do not speak the same language, everyone should be respected. Children will also learn tolerance through understanding how hard it can be to learn a new language and understand those who are learning to speak English for the first time within the classes.

Honesty and Integrity:

During our French lessons children will need to be honest with what they can remember and what they need help with. They will understand how important it is to be honest as saying the wrong this could lead to miscommunications with others in the future. The children will also understand that learning a language is hard and can take time.

Thankfulness and Joy:

The French curriculum will allow children to expand their language ability and allow them to communicate with other French speaking people within their community. The lessons will be fun with songs and activities to help them remember the new language learnt.

Perseverance and Courage:

Through French, children will understand that learning a whole new language can be hard and it can take some time to get used to. Children will be able to keep practising, even when something has gone wrong or been forgotten and they shall be brave enough to practise in front of their peers.

National Curriculum aims for MFL

The national curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
- speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
- can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
- discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied

SMSC MFL Statements

Spiritual

Modern Foreign Languages supports the spiritual development of children by allowing them to communicate with those who speak French which will allow them to learn and gain new insights.

Moral

Modern Foreign Languages supports the moral development of children as it shows other languages should be respected and valued and how languages are different across the world but this should not stop us from communicating and helping others.

Social

Modern Foreign Languages supports the social development of children as it allows them to communicate with other French speaking people in their community; as well as in the French speaking countries. It will allow the build-up of friendships as well as opportunities to learn from others.

Cultural

Modern Foreign Languages supports the cultural development of children as it allows them to understand other countries more and their way of life. They will be able to fully immerse themselves into other countries and take part in conversations with others.