



Ashwood Spencer Academy

How do we choose what to teach?

Our French objectives are taken from the National Curriculum. Skills and content to be taught is mapped out on our whole school overview. There is a clear progression in knowledge, skills and the understanding of the French language. Our yearly overview also shows some additional lessons that teachers might want to include such as celebrating Bastille Day.

What does the teaching of French look like?

French vocabulary is taught through songs, images, flash cards and games. This includes learning the topical phrases linked to topics such as the weather, clothing, families, houses and animals. Children also use songs and rhymes to learn numbers, days of the week and months of the year. When the children are ready, we will introduce the use of French dictionaries to support their independence to source new vocabulary and find the translation of words.

Children are also able to compare and contrast life in France to life in the United Kingdom. This is possible through practical activities such as the tasting of or making of French food and discovering how people in France celebrate occasions such as birthdays and religious festivals. In addition, children have the opportunity to compare schools in France with schools in the United Kingdom, recognising both the similarities and differences.

The development of language is crucial in the progression of learning the French language and we provide the children with many opportunities to hold conversations, ask questions and communicate their learning within lessons.

Overall, our approach to French allows children to become understanding and accepting individuals who speak another language that is different to theirs.

What does teaching writing in KS2 look like?

We support children to experience writing in French using the framework of Rainbow Grammar to assist children in remembering word order. Children begin by writing simple phrases and build up to writing whole sentences which allows the children to identify how the word order differs between French and English. Children are given some opportunity to practice writing in French within most French lessons and this can be built on over several lessons as the topic progresses.

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