

Intent French MFL

The intention of the Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) curriculum at the Aspire Hub is that children are taught to develop an interest in learning other languages and cultures in a way that is enjoyable and stimulating. We intend to use the Purple Mash, Duolingo App and Twinkl along with practical resources to offer a relevant, broad, vibrant and ambitious foreign language curriculum, that will inspire and excite our pupils using a wide variety of topics and themes. We aim to encourage children's confidence and creative skills through the teaching of French. Whatever the language taught, we strive to stimulate and encourage children's curiosity about all languages. At the Aspire Hub there are various different languages spoken and so it is vital that we help children develop their awareness of cultural differences. We aim to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills necessary to enable children to use and apply their French learning in a variety of contexts and lay the foundations for future language and cultural learning.

The intent is that all pupils will develop a genuine interest and positive curiosity about foreign languages, finding them enjoyable and stimulating. Learning French will also offer pupils the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of other cultures and the world around them with a better awareness of self, others and cultural differences. The intention is that they will be working towards becoming life-long language learners.

Implementation

Our Modern Foreign language topic is designed to progressively develop children's skills in languages. Children take part in block lessons covering modern foreign language art and design, fun activities, games and songs to help them to develop awareness of basic French words and phrases. Teachers deliver French lessons supported by planning using Purple Mash, Duolingo App and Twinkl. Children progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around MFL topics. Children are encouraged and supported to develop their speaking and listening skills through conversational work, singing activities and games.

As confidence and skill grows, children record their work through a range of tailored activities to ensure that all children can access the MFL curriculum that is outlined in the National Curriculum.

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In addition to implementing the Purple Mash, Twinkl and Duolingo learning App: French language celebration assembly art and design work linked to French culture, cookery sessions of traditional foods from France to facilitate a whole school approach to foreign language learning along with improved cultural awareness.

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The learning of French has only just begun and so will take time to embed. Through the use of planning supported by Duolingo App, Purple Mash and Twinkl we aim to ensure that eventually children are accessing work at age related expectations. They will be able to recognise and apply key vocabulary within conversations and will be challenged in a range of speaking and listening, reading, and writing activities.