Whimple Primary School

French Curriculum Statement, Knowledge and Skills Progression

Subject Vision:

'A high-quality language education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing.' (National Curriculum 2014 – Appendix A)

Statement of Intent:

The intention of our MFL curriculum is to develop an interest in and thirst for learning other languages and about other cultures, developing the children's curiosity and deepening their understanding of the wider world around them.

At Whimple Primary School children participate in weekly French language lessons in KS2 and follow the 'Twinkl Plan It' scheme of work. Although French lessons are not part of the curriculum in the EYFS and KS1, we endeavour to embed an awareness and develop familiarity with the French language across the school through the use of songs, rhymes and as part of class routines, such as taking the register, to build a foundation for their learning in KS2.

It is important to us that alongside the learning of the French language, the children also develop an understanding of French culture, contributing to their overall development as global citizens and in turn helping them to build an alternative perspective on the world. We aim to embed the skills of listening, reading, speaking and writing and to build the children's cultural knowledge so that they are aware of similarities and differences between cultures, thus building on their 'cultural capital'. In doing so, we hope to lay the foundations for future language learning.

Statement of Implementation:

Through the use of the 'Twinkl Plan It' scheme, French lessons at Whimple Primary School progressively develop the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, building on previous learning as children progress through the units of the scheme.

Learning is organised through topics which are relevant to the children, such as school life, food and hobbies and these units ensure children revisit and practice previous learning. This enables children to develop their confidence and understanding as they progress through the scheme. The learning of the French language is supported further through cultural enrichment activities such as French Day.

Statement of Impact:

Children at Whimple Primary School will develop their French communication skills through the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Children will transfer to KS3 successfully with the skills to continue and develop their French language learning journey. The children's language learning will be enriched by the development of an understanding of the French culture. This will contribute to their development as global citizens in a diverse and multi-cultural community.

This Curriculum Statement should be read in conjunction with our school's whole school overview of learning for this subject.