

Intent, Implementation, and Impact Statement for French



Intent

At Highfields Primary School, we aim to provide a French curriculum that inspires and equips our primary school pupils to develop a deep appreciation and understanding of the French language and culture. Our intent is to create confident and competent communicators who are motivated to continue their language learning journey as they progress through their education. Our French curriculum is designed to foster a love of language learning, promoting cultural awareness and fostering curiosity about different countries, traditions, and attitudes. We encourage inclusivity, taking into account the diverse needs and backgrounds of our pupils, and promoting an environment where all learners thrive.

Implementation

High-Quality Teaching and Learning

At Highfields, we believe that high-quality teaching is the key to outstanding language education. Our French lessons are carefully planned and delivered by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable teacher who is a French native speaker and has a strong understanding of the cultural nuances associated with it. They use a wide range of teaching strategies and resources to engage and challenge pupils of all abilities, ensuring that both listening, spoken and written language skills are developed effectively.

Progression and Sequencing

We have a clear progression and sequencing of learning outcomes in our French curriculum, ensuring that pupils build upon their prior knowledge and skills as they move through Key Stage Two. We follow a structured and consistent approach to language teaching, systematically covering essential vocabulary, grammar, and language structures. Regular assessments are conducted to monitor individual and class progress, enabling us to provide targeted support and personalized learning opportunities. These assessments are recorded on Insight.

Cultural Enrichment

We strongly believe that language learning is closely linked to an understanding of culture. We provide our pupils with opportunities to explore French culture, traditions, and history through a range of cross-curricular activities. This includes celebrating French festivals, listening to French music, and exploring French cuisine. We also promote cultural exchanges and links with French-speaking schools, encouraging authentic experiences and interaction with native French speakers.

Language Immersion

We create a language-rich environment where opportunities to hear and speak French are maximized. Displays, labels, and interactive resources are bilingual, supporting continuous exposure to French vocabulary and facilitating familiarity with common phrases and expressions. Additionally, we encourage the use of French in everyday classroom conversations, greetings, and routines.

Differentiation and Support

We understand the importance of catering to the diverse needs of our learners. Our French lessons are carefully differentiated to ensure that all abilities are appropriately challenged and supported. We value the importance of parental engagement and share resources and activities that families can undertake together to reinforce language learning at home.

Impact

Language Proficiency

Through our French curriculum, pupils at Highfields Primary School make excellent progress in acquiring and applying French language skills. They develop a strong foundation in vocabulary, grammar, and phonetics, enabling confident oral and written communication. Pupils demonstrate a growing fluency and accuracy in their spoken responses, as well as an ability to read and understand a variety of authentic French texts. They show a growing confidence in their writing, using grammatical structures appropriately and articulating their ideas effectively. They are also equipped with transferrable language learning strategies that support their future language learning endeavors.

Cultural Awareness

Our curriculum effectively promotes cultural awareness and understanding. Pupils develop a keen appreciation of the French-speaking world, recognizing cultural differences and similarities. They exhibit respect for diversity and demonstrate tolerance towards different cultural perspectives.

Motivation and Engagement

Our French curriculum fosters a love for language learning that goes beyond the classroom. Pupils display enthusiasm, engagement, and motivation in their French lessons. They actively seek opportunities to use their language skills and exhibit a genuine curiosity about different cultures and languages. Pupils are receptive to diverse perspectives, demonstrating an open-mindedness that broadens their horizons and prepares them for life in a global society.

In conclusion, our intent, implementation, and impact statement highlights how the provision of a high quality French curriculum at Highfields inspires and equips our primary school pupils to become confident and competent communicators in French. Through high-quality teaching, progression and sequencing, cultural enrichment, language immersion, and differentiation, our pupils make excellent progress in achieving language proficiency and developing a rich cultural understanding. They are motivated, engaged language learners who are prepared to embrace future language learning opportunities and become global citizens.