

Languages at Exwick Heights Primary School

An appreciation of both the country and the culture of our chosen language (French) is a key part of teaching Languages at Exwick Heights Primary. French is taught once a week at Key Stage 2 and children are also encouraged to practise their language skills on an on-going basis.

Intent

The 2014 National Curriculum for Languages aims to ensure that all children:



- Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.
- Are able to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and that they are 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.

A high quality languages education should foster children’s curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. At Exwick Heights Primary we are committed to ensuring that competence in another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. It also helps children develop skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of French for all pupils at KS2 provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and lays the foundations for further foreign language teaching at KS3.

Implementation



Children are introduced to French and receive a weekly 30 minute lesson, throughout their time in KS2. This enables the children to develop early language acquisition skills that facilitate their understanding of the patterns of language and how these differ from, or are similar to, English.

Lessons support the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing:

- Children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and respond, joining in with songs, rhymes and games.
- Children develop an appreciation of a variety of stories, songs, poems and rhymes in French that are delivered through the curriculum content as well as by native French speakers within the wider school community.
- We follow the CGP scheme of work called ‘Salut’. We supplement with other websites and materials as appropriate.
- Links have been developed with secondary schools and teachers from KS3 visit to further disseminate language learning to the children.

Impact

Our Languages curriculum ensures that children develop their knowledge of where different languages, including the range of home languages spoken by the families of the school, as well as

French, are spoken in the world. Varied learning experiences also ensure that languages are celebrated throughout the school community whilst providing a context for language learning and develop the children's understanding of different cultures.