

Hatherop CofE Primary

French Curriculum

Caring-Believing-Achieving

INTENT

Our school curriculum for a modern foreign language is based on confident use of the basics of the language both orally and in written work. It is intended to be an introduction to the language, delivered in a fun and interesting way, eliciting interest and preparing children for the rigours of developing a greater knowledge of modern foreign languages throughout their time in education. Key pronunciation and phonics are taught so that children can apply and develop this knowledge. The curriculum also covers some aspects of French culture.

IMPLEMENTATION

All children in years 2 to 6 receive appropriate French lessons and the topics are regularly repeated to promote understanding and retention. The French curriculum is delivered weekly in Kingfisher and Red Kite classes.

The curriculum is planned to meet the needs of mixed age classes, each lesson building on prior knowledge and understanding.

The lessons are based on the resources of the Salut! Program available from CGP, as it enables the children to hear the language spoken with the correct accent. The lessons incorporate lots of fun games, vocabulary, songs and grammar.

French phonics are also taught, using pictures and videos, particularly in year 2 and 3.

Simple worksheets or written exercises encourage familiarity with the vocabulary and phrases that have been spoken.

At the end of each unit the children translate a story using the vocabulary and grammar from the unit. This helps to consolidate ideas and enables the children to see the progress that they have made that term.

In Year 2 most of the work is completed orally and the level of written work increases gradually through the school. This allows the children to speak and listen to a foreign language at a very young age before they become self-conscious or inhibited.

IMPACT

- The children really enjoy learning French and particularly enjoy the games that are played.
- They begin to understand basic grammar and the phonics of the French alphabet.
- The children are increasingly comfortable writing simple sentences in a foreign language.
- Introducing MFL in a fun way enables the children to participate with a level of self-confidence.