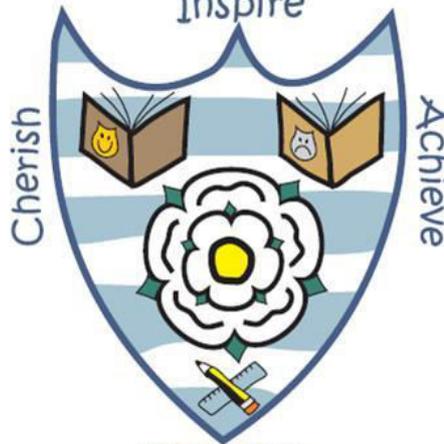


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MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES POLICY (FRENCH)

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“Learning a language enriches the curriculum. It provides excitement, enjoyment and challenge for children and teachers, helping to create enthusiastic learners and to develop positive attitudes to language learning throughout life. The skills, knowledge and understanding gained can make a major contribution to the development of children’s oracy and literacy and to their understanding of their own culture/s and those of others.”

The Key Stage 2 Framework for Languages

At Birkwood Primary School we believe that the learning of an additional language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for pupils. It helps them to develop communication skills, including key skills of speaking and listening and extends their knowledge of how language works. Learning another language gives children an additional perspective on the world, encouraging them to understand their own cultures and those of others.

The Intent of French Primary Language Education at Birkwood Primary School

The Intent of French Primary Language teaching at Birkwood is to:

- ensure the progressive development of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills in French in an enjoyable and stimulating way;
- to embed these skills to enable the children to use and apply their language learning in a variety of contexts and to lay the foundations for future language learning;
- to provide an introduction to the culture of France (and other Francophone countries and communities) so that children develop a tolerance and respect of different people and places, whilst fostering their curiosity and understanding of the wider world;
- to expose children to authentic, conversational French and to ensure that they are also provided with further opportunities to listen to native French speakers.

Speaking and Listening

At Birkwood Primary School the children will learn to:

- listen carefully and recognise sounds and combinations of sounds which are similar to, or different from, those of English;
- understand and respond with increasing competence, accuracy and confidence in a range of situations;
- join in songs, rhymes and stories which enable them to practise the sounds of the language in an enjoyable and age appropriate way;
- take part in conversations at an appropriate level, reacting to instructions and questions and expressing opinions and feelings.

Reading and Writing

At Birkwood Primary School the children will learn to:

- remember grapheme-phoneme correspondences and vocabulary directly taught and reinforced through word games and similar activities;
- read stories and rhymes for enjoyment and to gain awareness of the structure of the written language;
- read, copy and write independently familiar words and simple phrases in context e.g. classroom items, display labels, weather chart, date;
- write sentences and short texts independently and from memory.

Intercultural Understanding

At Birkwood Primary School the children will learn to:

- identify similarities and differences in everyday life, social conventions, traditional stories and celebrations;
- recognise how symbols, products and objects can represent the culture of a country, and how aspects of the culture of different countries become incorporated in the daily life of others;
- gain awareness of stereotypes, and develop further understanding and respect cultural diversity.

The Implementation of MFL at Birkwood Primary School:

French is taught discretely in our curriculum by a specialist teacher because we understand the benefits of exposure to authentic French from an early age. We integrate language learning into everyday school life, with teachers, teaching assistants and children using and experimenting with their knowledge of

