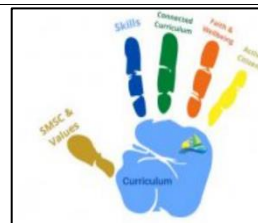




Why French?



Faith and Wellbeing

A message from Mrs Clarke, our Modern Foreign Languages lead:

French at Darlinghurst is interesting, stimulating and encourages a thirst for learning a language and preparing children for their language journey through life. We make lessons fun, engaging and interactive where all children can achieve their best. Every child can complete a lesson learning new and exciting vocabulary or even full sentences to have in conversations. We also strengthen their sense of identity through learning about the French culture. Our goal is for them to be passionate, curious and confident about their own foreign language learning abilities when they finish the primary school phase of their education.

Design and Do

At Darlinghurst we use the scheme and resources from Language Angels. This is slightly adapted to meet the needs of our pupils and fit within our layered lesson approach. Language Angels provides teachers with weekly interactive lessons to complete with their sessions. They also have the flexibility to supplement this with their own ideas and experience and those of their colleagues.

The progression of skills is mapped across each unit: Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing and grammar.

The lessons are designed to motivate, captivate and interest children from the first moment. They have clear, achievable objectives and incorporate different learning styles. SEN children have access to the curriculum through variation of task, grouping or support from an adult.

Learning a modern foreign language is a statutory requirement in KS2 and each class has a timetabled lesson of at least 45 mins per week every other week.

French is becoming embedded into everyday school life in order to consolidate knowledge and ensure new language is retained. This occurs through greetings as children come into class or using French numbers in maths.

Difference

Our children increase their cognitive skills across other areas of learning through the development of learning a language.

Each Language Angel lesson begins by recapping previous words or phrases learnt through the interactive aspect of the programme. Teachers are able to click on sound buttons that 'say' the words giving the children the opportunity to repeat it back. This ensures children are exposed to and learn the correct pronunciation. A set of French children characters guide the rest of the lesson, helping pupils learn new vocabulary, building them into phrases, sentences or even simple conversations. Each slide gives a visual representation of the word as well, further aiding understanding.

The lesson progresses onto showing the written form of the word alongside the sound buttons. Tasks then involve children writing down words and phrases supported by the visual element seen during the lesson. Lessons move slowly and are repetitive ensuring that new language is embedded into pupil's long term memory.

Our children are equipped to be confident individuals as we challenge them to constantly develop their language skills in each of the 5 main learning areas.

'Achieving Excellence Together'

Reflections and Celebrations

Examples of French

In lower key stage 2, children learn to speak, read and write key vocabulary such as musical instrument names, fruit, numbers, family names and classroom objects. They learn basic grammar rules such as masculine and feminine and begin to express their thoughts and opinions using full sentences verbally.

By the end of the first milestone, children can recognise and show understanding of familiar words and short phrases covered in the units taught. They can write familiar words and short phrases using a model, vocabulary list or from memory. They can communicate with others using simple words and short phrases. Children begin to understand how key features of French differ or are similar to English and other languages.

In upper key stage 2, children can ask and answer more questions such as what pets they have, what clothes they own or like, what they did at the weekend or in school. They can speak, read and write sentences in French.

At the final milestone children can understand most of what they read in French. They can broaden their vocabulary recognition and develop an awareness of accents in words. Children create and write their sentences describing people, places and things with the aid of word banks or spelling from memory. They can recall and speak in full sentences using a range of vocabulary and language structures with increased knowledge, confidence and spontaneity.

Examples of Parental and Community Engagement

Children can join a French Club and through this expand their understanding and use of spoken French. We engage our parents to share their cultural background and heritage through talking to our children in assemblies and classrooms.

Useful websites

www.languageangels.com

[KS2 French - BBC Bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/french/)