

Modern Foreign Languages at Shaw

At Shaw CE Primary School, we teach Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) from Year 3 to Year 6. The main language taught is French.

We aim to foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world through teaching them about the language and culture of other countries. This enables pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to speakers, both in speech and in writing. Learning MFL gives opportunities for children to communicate for practical purposes; learn new ways of thinking and read literature in the original language. Language teaching provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils with the necessary skills and knowledge to study and work in other countries.

Through MFL, children have opportunities to listen to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. They explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes, using actions to help memory and pronunciation. During lessons, children engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others.



WHY do we teach this subject? (What does it add to the education of each child?)

An understanding of a modern foreign language helps children broaden their knowledge of the world beyond the UK. It reinforces aspects of English language learning and also gives them the opportunity to learn a completely new skill in KS2. It provides the foundations for expert languages teaching at secondary school.

WHAT do we teach?

- Speak, read and write in French.
- Look at the culture of the countries where French is spoken.

What are our end-points? What knowledge, skills and understanding do we want children to have on leaving Shaw School?

- The confidence to speak French with good intonation and pronunciation.
- Fluency in reading simple French texts.
- Fluency and imagination in writing.
- A strong awareness of aspects of French culture.
- A passion for language learning.