

## **Information for parents – Languages**

Teaching a Modern Foreign Language (MFL) is non-statutory in Reception and KS1 but children at our school are taught French from when they start school, covering the following topics:

- Greetings
- Introductions
- Numbers
- Colours
- Animals
- Family
- Basic shops
- Weather
- Story-telling
- Classroom objects and phrases
- Days and months
- French traditions and celebrations.

They are introduced to the pronunciation of a different language and they learn how to listen carefully in order to discriminate new sounds and identify meaning. The children are taught using lots of different games and activities in order to make language learning fun and less daunting. We aim to break the confidence barriers early!

In KS2 we focus on one foreign language (French) but teach the children to be aware of others and other cultures. The children will learn how to use and respond to the foreign language. They learn how to listen carefully in order to identify meaning. They learn how to ask and answer questions. We teach techniques for memorising words and they learn how to use their knowledge of English in learning another language. As they progress, more written work is introduced and basic grammar is taught in preparation for learning languages in Secondary school.

We have a specialist languages teacher working in our school and every class has a lesson with her every week. The children also learn some basic greeting (for example, to say good morning during register time) in different languages. These range from Welsh to Spanish to Chinese.