



MFL Curriculum Statement

Intent:

It is our intention at Wyke to provide all of our children with a high-quality education in Modern Foreign Languages (MFL), which sparks a love of language learning and a curiosity for discovering other cultures. We strive to develop positive attitudes towards cultural diversity by planning opportunities to compare cultures, religions and values, allowing the children to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the world around them. At Wyke, we follow the CGP Scheme of Work called 'Salut' which helps children develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in an engaging and stimulating way.

Implementation:

At Wyke, French is taught in weekly, whole-class, mixed ability settings by the class teacher with the use of plans and resources provided by the Salut Scheme of Work. The scheme is designed to progressively develop the children's language skills, whilst maintaining their interest and enthusiasm through the use of interactive games, songs and stories. When introduced to new vocabulary, children listen and respond to interactive French speakers with accurate pronunciation. Children are given opportunities to record their understanding in reading and writing through activities, such as matching tasks, writing captions and labels, and progressively forming detailed and accurate sentences. Children who are more fluent in French, as a result of growing up in a French speaking household, are challenged further in a small group with a French speaking LSA.

In addition to French teaching in KS2, children in all year groups are provided with a wealth of opportunities to support their understanding of other cultures and languages across the world. For example, every year at Wyke, we dedicate a week to 'Wyke Travels the World' where classes are transported to different countries across the globe. Children are given a range of cultural experiences, such as food tasting, traditional dancing, language learning, as well as having the opportunity to research the history of the country and explore traditions through the medium of art.

To those children who wish to immerse themselves into the French language even more, we offer a French exchange opportunity in Years 5 and 6 where the children host a French child for 2 weeks, in addition to being offered the opportunity to experience an exchange visit to France. Not only does this enriching experience improve the child's language skills; if they return, it allows pupils a total cultural and language immersion, as well as building life-long friendships.

Impact:

Children leave Wyke with:

- enthusiasm about their language learning and an eagerness to extend this learning beyond the classroom
- an ability to remember more key vocabulary, confidence when attempting to communicate in a foreign language and resilience in the face of difficulties
- awareness of cultural differences and a keenness to learn about and embrace them.