

Implementation of French Lessons

What would we expect to see in a French lesson in our school?

- Children working on objectives in line with the National Curriculum and aligning with the 12 DFE KS2 Modern Foreign Languages Program of Study Attainment Targets.
- Lessons use the Primary Languages Network scheme of work, using additional teaching material selected to enhance children's retention of knowledge and progression of skills.
- Current lesson is placed within the sequence of learning following the medium-term plan, situated in the framework of the long-term plan.
- Lessons begin with recap of previous learning, revising knowledge of vocabulary and French phonics. Opportunities for recall and retrieval are available as explicit learning opportunities in every lesson.
- New vocabulary and structures are introduced, and repeated several times by class teacher or native speaker on video link; children are encouraged to be language detectives to identify and replicate sounds.
- Children read and repeat new vocabulary and structures, often in the form of interactive games, songs, rhymes and videos.
- Children have a chance to practise their speaking independently, in small groups and with the teacher.
- Writing, reading, speaking and listening tasks relate directly to one of the 12 DFE KS2
 Modern Foreign Languages Program of Study Attainment Targets, and focus on retaining knowledge.
- Children regularly record written work in their French books, which are used as a way to revisit and revise vocabulary, grammar and phonics as children progress through KS2.
- Lesson sequences ensure that within each unit, speaking, listening, reading and writing are regularly practised develop and retain knowledge and language skills.
- Children are regularly introduced to and encouraged to explore ideas of French and francophone culture and geography.

<u>An outline of a St Charles French Lesson:</u>

- 1. Recap of previous learning, opportunities for active recall and retrieval.
- 2. New vocabulary, sounds and structures are introduced, identified and replicated.
- 3. Group practise children practise newly acquired knowledge using songs, games and speaking activities.
- 4. Independent tasks in Reading, Writing, Speaking or Listening that require independent production or identification of new knowledge (recorded in books if written).
- 5. Plenary further speaking/listening recap activity for retention of vocabulary, structures and pronunciation.

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