French at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Our philosophy for effective teaching and learning in French is firmly based on immersing the children in the language and providing them with ample opportunities to develop their own fluency, accuracy and understanding. Varied and engaging lessons are delivered by a specialist teacher whose first language is French and the language is embedded into the daily routines in school.

The four main skills of language teaching are covered: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing.

Tasks are carefully set so that children are always thinking about the language learning.

Opportunities are given regularly for retrieval of key knowledge to ensure it is embedded in the long-term memory.

Children are exposed to French culture through well planned and resourced lessons.

Effective Learning In Music

Throughout Key Stage 2, pupils build on their prior learning – using what they have learned to develop their fluency.

French themed days expose children to French history and cultural context alongside opportunities to communicate with increasing confidence.

Strong teacher knowledge is key to effective learning. French is delivered by a French speaking specialist teacher.

Using the language is embedded in daily routines and displays throughout school.

By the end of Key Stage 2, our pupils will have a range of skills and the confidence to communicate in another language. This will support learning a language or languages in Key Stage 3 and beyond, as well as providing an awareness and appreciation for another culture.