

Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Statement:

MFL (French at Shebbear Community Primary School)



Intent

At Shebbear Community Primary School, our Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) curriculum aims to foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world by teaching French using the Twinkl "Lightning Languages" scheme. We intend to ensure all pupils in Key Stage 2 develop solid linguistic foundations in French, progressing their skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

We aim to:

- **Meet National Curriculum Requirements:** Fully meet the expectations of the English National Curriculum for MFL, providing a high-quality language education that encourages pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language.
- **Promote Cultural Capital:** Broaden pupils' cultural understanding by integrating French culture, traditions, and phonics within the lessons.
- **Build Progression and Retention:** Utilise the scheme's focus on structured repetition and recap of core vocabulary and grammatical structures to embed language learning and ensure long-term retention.
- **Ensure Accessibility:** Make language learning accessible and engaging for all learners, including those in our mixed-age classes (Panda: Years 3/4 and Koala: Years 5/6), using a clear, progressive framework.

Implementation

We implement the MFL curriculum through a robust, two-year rolling cycle across Key Stage 2, ensuring that all pupils participate in and build upon their French language learning. We use the Twinkl "Lightning Languages" units tailored to our mixed-age class structure:

- **Two-Year Rolling Programme:** Our curriculum is mapped out over a two-year rolling programme. Year 3/4 classes primarily follow the "Lift Off" units (ages 7-9), while Year 5/6 classes follow the "In Orbit" units (ages 9-11). The rolling nature ensures comprehensive coverage of content across both cycles for every pupil.

- **Structured Lessons:** Lessons are delivered weekly in 30-45-minute sessions.
- **Integrated Skills:** The scheme ensures progression in all four key language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Lessons include interactive elements such as songs, games, stories, and activities to engage all learning styles.
- **Resources:** We utilise the full suite of resources, including detailed lesson plans, PowerPoints and interactive materials.

Impact

The impact of our MFL curriculum will be measured through ongoing formative assessments and pupil outcomes:

- **Pupil Outcomes:** Pupils will leave primary school with a solid foundation in French, enabling them to confidently communicate simple ideas and information verbally and in writing.
- **Progressive Learning:** Pupils will demonstrate clear progress in their command of French grammar, vocabulary, and phonics, evidenced through learning outcomes within lessons.
- **Engagement and Confidence:** We anticipate high levels of pupil engagement and increased confidence in attempting a new language. The systematic approach will ensure that learning is memorable and that children are well-prepared for their secondary school language education.
- **Cultural Awareness:** Pupils will develop a broader global awareness and cultural understanding of French-speaking communities and traditions, fulfilling our aim to create well-rounded global citizens.

Curriculum Coverage

We have adapted and sequenced the National Curriculum requirements for MFL to ensure progress across LKS2 and UKS2. Below are the NC statements with related skills that we teach across the pupils' learning journey.

	LKS2	UKS2
Listening and Speaking/Oracy	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. Children can: a repeat modelled words; b listen and show understanding of single words through physical response; c repeat modelled short phrases; d listen and show understanding of short phrases through physical response.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. Children can: a listen and show understanding of simple sentences containing familiar words through physical response; b listen and understand the main points from short, spoken material in French; c listen and understand the main points and some detail from short, spoken material in French.
	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children engage in conversation; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help. Children can: a recognise a familiar question and respond with a simple rehearsed response; b ask and answer a simple and familiar question with a response; c express simple opinions such as likes, dislikes and preferences; d ask and answer at least two simple and familiar questions with a response.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children engage in conversation; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help. Children can: a engage in a short conversation using a range of simple, familiar questions; b ask and answer more complex questions with a scaffold of responses; c express a wider range of opinions and begin to provide simple justification; d converse briefly without prompts.
	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. Children can: a name objects and actions and may link words with a simple connective; b use familiar vocabulary to say a short sentence using a language scaffold; c speak about everyday activities and interests; d refer to recent experiences or future plans.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. Children can: a say a longer sentence using familiar language; b use familiar vocabulary to say several longer sentences using a language scaffold; c refer to everyday activities and interests, recent experiences and future plans; d vary language and produce extended responses.

	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases. Children can: a identify individual sounds in words and pronounce accurately when modelled; b start to recognise the sound of some letter strings in familiar words and pronounce when modelled; c adapt intonation to ask questions or give instructions; d show awareness of accents, elisions and silent letters; begin to pronounce words accordingly.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases. Children can: a pronounce familiar words accurately using knowledge of letter string sounds to support, observing silent letter rules; b appreciate the impact of accents and elisions on sound and apply increasingly confidently when pronouncing words; c start to predict the pronunciation of unfamiliar words in a sentence using knowledge of letter strings, liaison and silent letter rules; d adapt intonation, for example to mark questions and exclamations.
	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences. Children can: a name nouns and present a simple rehearsed statement to a partner; b present simple rehearsed statements about themselves, objects and people to a partner; c present ideas and information in simple sentences using familiar and rehearsed language to a partner or a small group of people.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences. Children can: a manipulate familiar language to present ideas and information in simple sentences; b present a range of ideas and information, using prompts, to a partner or a small group of people; c present a range of ideas and information, without prompts, to a partner or a group of people.
	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children describe people, places, things and actions orally. Children can: a say simple familiar words to describe people, places, things and actions using a model; b say a simple phrase that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; c say one or two short sentences that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children describe people, places, things and actions orally. Children can: a say several simple sentences containing adjectives to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; b manipulate familiar language to describe people, places, things and actions, maybe using a dictionary; c use a wider range of descriptive language in their descriptions of people, places, things and actions.
	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing. Children can: a read and show understanding of familiar single words; b read and show understanding of simple phrases and sentences containing familiar words.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing. Children can: a read and show understanding of simple sentences containing familiar and some unfamiliar language; b read and understand the main points from short, written material; c read and understand the main points and some detail from short, written material.

	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary. Children can: a use strategies for memorisation of vocabulary; b make links with English or known language to work out the meaning of new words; c use context to predict the meaning of new words; d begin to use a bilingual dictionary to find the meaning of individual words in French and English.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary. Children can: a use a range of strategies to determine the meaning of new words (links with known language, cognates, etymology, context); b use a bilingual dictionary to identify the word class; c use a bilingual paper/online dictionary to find the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases in French and in English.
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Reading and Writing/Literacy	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud familiar words and phrases. Children can: a identify individual sounds in words and pronounce accurately when modelled; b start to read and recognise the sound of some letter strings in familiar words and pronounce when modelled; c adapt intonation to ask questions; d show awareness of accents, elisions and silent letters; begin to pronounce words accordingly.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud familiar words and phrases. Children can: a read and pronounce familiar words accurately using knowledge of letter string sounds to support, observing silent letter rules; b appreciate the impact of accents and elisions on sound and apply increasingly confidently when pronouncing words; c start to predict the pronunciation of unfamiliar words in a sentence using knowledge of letter strings, liaison and silent letter rules; d adapt intonation for example to mark questions and exclamations in a short, written passage.
	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly. Children can: a write single familiar words from memory with understandable accuracy; b write familiar short phrases from memory with understandable accuracy; c replace familiar vocabulary in short phrases written from memory to create new short phrases.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly. Children can: a write a simple sentence from memory using familiar language; b write several sentences from memory with familiar language with understandable accuracy; c replace vocabulary in sentences written from memory to create new sentences with understandable accuracy.

	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children describe people, places, things and actions in writing. Children can: a copy simple familiar words to describe people, places, things and actions using a model; b write a simple phrase that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; c write one or two simple sentences that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children describe people, places, things and actions in writing. Children can: a write several simple sentences containing adjectives to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; b manipulate familiar language to describe people, places, things and actions, maybe using a dictionary; c use a wider range of descriptive language in their descriptions of people, places, things and actions.
Stories, Songs, Poems and Rhymes	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Children can: a listen and identify specific words in songs and rhymes and demonstrate understanding; b listen and identify specific phrases in songs and rhymes and demonstrate understanding.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words. Children can: a listen and identify rhyming words and specific sounds in songs and rhymes; b follow the text of familiar songs and rhymes, identifying the meaning of words; c read the text of familiar songs and rhymes and identify patterns of language and link sound to spelling.
Stories, Songs, Poems and Rhymes	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language. Children can: a join in with actions to accompany familiar songs, stories and rhymes; b join in with words of a song or storytelling.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language. Children can: a follow the text of a familiar song or story; b follow the text of a familiar song or story and sing or read aloud; c understand the gist of an unfamiliar story or song using familiar language and sing or read aloud.

Grammar	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English. Children can: - a show awareness of word classes – nouns, adjectives, verbs and connectives – and be aware of similarities in English; - b name the gender of nouns; name the indefinite and definite articles for both genders and use correctly; say how to make the plural form of nouns; - c recognise and use partitive articles; - d name the first and second person singular subject pronouns; use the correct form of some regular and high frequency verbs in the present tense with first and second person; - e name the third person singular subject pronouns; use the present tense of some high frequency verbs in the third person singular; - f use a simple negative form (ne... pas); - g show awareness of the position and masculine/feminine agreement of adjectives and start to demonstrate use; - h recognise and use the first person possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes); - i recognise a high frequency verb in the imperfect tense and in the simple future and use as a set phrase; - j conjugate a high frequency verb (aller – to go) in the present tense; show awareness of subject-verb agreement; - k use simple prepositions in their sentences; - l use the third person singular and plural of the verb 'être' in the present tense.	KS2 Languages National Curriculum Children understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English. Children can: - a identify word classes; - b demonstrate understanding of gender and number of nouns and use appropriate determiners; - c explain and apply the rules of position and agreement of adjectives with increasing accuracy and confidence; - d name and use a range of conjunctions to create compound sentences; - e use some adverbs; - f demonstrate the use of first, second and third person singular pronouns with some regular and high frequency verbs in present tense and apply subject-verb agreement; - g explain and use elision; state the differences and similarities with English; - h recognise and use the simple future tense of a high frequency verb; compare with English; - i recognise and use the immediate future tense of familiar verbs in the first, second and third person singular; explain how it's formed; - j recognise and use the first and third person singular possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes, son, sa, ses); - k recognise and use a range of prepositions; - l use the third person plural of a few high frequency verbs in the present tense; - m name all subject pronouns and use to conjugate a high frequency verb in the present tense; - n recognise and use a high frequency verb in the perfect tense; compare with English; - o follow a pattern to conjugate a regular verb in the present tense; - p choose the correct tense of a verb (present/perfect/imperfect/future) according to context.
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Planning and Teaching Two-Year Cycle

Panda Class:

Lift Off (Ages 7–9)	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Year B	Opportunity to revise learning from Year B.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 1.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 2.	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Year A	Opportunity to revise learning from Year A.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 1.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 2.	

Koala Class:

In Orbit (Ages 9–11)	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Year B	Opportunity to revise learning from Year B.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 1.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 2.	
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
						
Year A	Opportunity to revise learning from Year A.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 1.		Opportunity to revise learning from Term 2.	