French (MFL)

Intent

Learning a foreign language is a necessary part of being a member of a multi-cultural society and provides an opening to other cultures. At St Michael's, children have lessons in French throughout Key Stage 2, using the resources and units from Language Angels Scheme of work. Children acquire basic skills and understanding of French with a strong emphasis placed on developing speaking and listening skills. These will be embedded and further developed in Upper KS2, alongside Reading and Writing.

Implementation

At St Michael's, we follow the scheme Language Angels. This is delivered through discrete French lessons based on engaging topics, taught by a class teacher. Classes are mixed age – with combinations of year groups from Y3-6 and so languages are taught on a two year rolling programme. The materials /resources in our scheme ensures development is progressive as the children build on previous knowledge from units already studied.

Impact

We measure the impact of our curriculum through the following methods:

- Observing children speaking and listening in another language.
- Marking of written work.
- Learning walks
- Book scrutinies

At St Michael's, we ensure the knowledge taught is retained by the children and continually revisited and that the learners are able to apply the skills they have been taught to a variety of different settings, showing independence with their learning. Impact will also be measured through key questioning skills built into lessons.

We hope that our children continue their journey to secondary school with a passion for languages and are keen to explore and learn other languages used around the world.