

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) – Key Stage 2

Intent

At Horton St Michael's, we aim to inspire a love of languages by providing a high-quality French curriculum in Key Stage 2. We want pupils to develop the confidence to communicate in another language, while building key skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing. Through engaging lessons, pupils learn accurate pronunciation, broaden their vocabulary and begin to understand how language works. We also promote an awareness of French culture, helping pupils develop a wider understanding of the world and preparing them for further language learning.

Implementation

MFL is taught across Key Stage 2 through regular, progressive lessons with a focus on the French language. Lessons are carefully sequenced to build knowledge and skills over time with a rolling 2-year programme, ensuring progression across speaking, listening, reading and writing.

A consistent lesson structure supports learning and retention, including opportunities for oral practice, vocabulary development and retrieval of prior learning. Pupils are taught accurate pronunciation and are given regular opportunities to practise through repetition, partner work and conversation.

Teaching is engaging and interactive, using songs, rhymes, games and stories to help pupils recognise patterns in language and link sounds to spelling and meaning. Grammar is taught in context, enabling pupils to understand and apply basic structures to build their own sentences.

Vocabulary is revisited regularly to support long-term retention. Reading and writing are introduced gradually, allowing pupils to build confidence before applying their knowledge independently.

Cultural understanding is explored at key opportunities, enabling pupils to learn about French traditions and develop a broader global awareness.

Impact

By the end of Key Stage 2, pupils are able to communicate in French using familiar vocabulary and simple sentences. They can listen and respond, read and understand basic words and phrases, and begin to write their own ideas. Pupils develop confidence, enthusiasm for language learning and an appreciation of French culture, ensuring they are well prepared for the next stage of their education.