

## The teaching of Languages (French) supports the following areas of the Curriculum Vision for Overfields Primary School

To have secure basic skills in maths and English

Learning a language helps pupils to develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills and to express themselves with increasing confidence, independence and creativity. French phonics, games, stories, rhymes and other texts will support their understanding of English grammar. French will also be used to reinforce basic maths skills in many contexts e.g. number, counting, time, pattern-making.

To have a love of reading

Pupils will enjoy learning to read French translations of traditional tales and well-known stories as well as re-telling and performing French texts, rhymes and songs. Non-fiction texts will enhance learning in other curriculum areas such as History or Geography. As they learn to read in French, they will start to notice and discuss similarities and differences in vocabulary and grammar. This curiosity about language will also help to foster a love of reading.

To stay healthy and safe

Games played in French can increase the physical activity of our pupils. French can be applied to Science learning about humans and healthy lifestyles e.g. design and describe a healthy meal or plan an exercise routine. Well-known safety routines e.g. crossing the road can be reinforced and practised using French language.

To be aspirational

Pupils will learn about famous French people and fictional characters whose resilience and determination to succeed have made their worlds a better place. Opportunities to practise their French meaningfully through pen pal exchanges (both locally and abroad) will encourage our pupils' enthusiasm for learning a language. Pupils will be made aware that language study can lead to more opportunities for social travel or work abroad and our curriculum will inspire them to continue.

To be respectful and caring

Pupils will develop their speaking and listening skills. They will help each other to communicate clearly and celebrate each other's successes. Pupils will explore other cultures through French topics (e.g. food, school, celebrations) and will appreciate that cultures have many similarities as well as differences. Learning a language helps to remove barriers between people and will help our pupils to appreciate diversity.

To be inquisitive, independent and problem solvers

French encourages our pupils to maintain their natural curiosity in the world around them. They are fascinated by new sounds and are delighted when they recognise similarities with their own language. Independent problem-solving is at the heart of language learning as pupils learn to use new vocabulary or adapt sentences to communicate clearly in different situations.