



Modern Foreign Languages at Hyde Park Junior School



Intent

At Hyde Park Junior School, we recognise the importance of all children having the opportunity to learn another language. We adhere to the DFES's belief that, ' language and competence and intercultural understanding are essential parts of being a citizen'. Language skills are a vital tool that enables children to better understand each other and the world around them. Our high quality languages curriculum fosters children's curiosity and deepens their understanding of the world. At Hyde Park Junior School, we are committed to ensuring that competence in another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. Our curriculum helps children develop skills that will open up opportunities later in life. The teaching of KS2 French provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and lays the foundations for further teaching of foreign languages at KS3.



Implementation

Children are introduced to French in KS2 and receive a weekly lesson. This enables the children to develop early language acquisition skills that facilitate their understanding of patterns of language and how these differ from, or are similar to, English or their own language. Children learn French throughout KS2, which is timetabled for a 30 minute session per week; this is then followed up by regular practice in the form of games, or stories. The class teacher delivers lessons and incorporates language into daily routines where possible.

Lessons support the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing:

- Children are taught to listen to the language of native speakers and respond, joining in with songs, rhymes and games.
- Links have been developed with secondary schools and children in upper KS2 visit to take part in language events
- Children have the opportunity to attend language clubs in lunchtimes and after school
- Children who speak French fluently have the opportunity to develop their writing skills through targeted opportunities planned by language specialists
- Children who speak an additional language at home have the opportunity to share their language with teachers and peers
- We have planned our own French curriculum that is supported with resources from iLanguages
- French Days and International Days enable the whole school to be immersed in the inclusion of the culture and to use languages meaningfully and in context



Impact

Our languages curriculum ensures that children develop their knowledge of where different languages, including the range of home languages spoken by the families of our school, as well as French, are spoken in the world.

Varied learning experiences ensure that languages are celebrated throughout the school community whilst providing a context for language learning and developing the children's understanding of and curiosity about different cultures.



Progress

At Hyde Park Junior School, we teach language that builds on vocabulary and grammar taught in the past year. This ensures that children revisit and reuse language, continually building on and securing skills. iLanguages resources support this, ensuring children hear native language speakers and build up their stamina for language acquisition.



Cross Curricular Links

English: Development of speaking and listening skills, knowledge and understanding grammar and sentence construction.

ICT: Apps used to contact foreign schools, iLanguages resources for presentation of native language speakers

Citizenship: The multilingual society, knowledge of other countries and cultures

Numeracy: counting, calculations, money, time, dates etc

Geography: other countries, weather

Science; body parts, animals

Music: rhyming, rhythm, singing, world music

History: Bastille day

Art: French artists

PE: Physical games with French instructions



Local Link

At Hyde Park Junior School, we believe it is important wherever possible to link to our local community. We have built positive links with some secondary schools that are in our catchment area. We take part in Egguckland's European Day of Languages competition every September. Where possible, we invite local outside agencies in and attend local events that link to our language curriculum.

