



Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Policy Statement

MFL Policy

The Best for Every Child - a Unique Child of God

At Cookridge Holy Trinity Church of England (A) Primary School we serve the community by providing a happy, secure and caring Christian environment where all are valued and respected. We pride ourselves on being friendly and welcoming. We believe in the uniqueness of the individual as a child of God and recognise the range of contributions that each can make.

We provide for the spiritual, emotional, physical, mental and social development of the whole child, as a child of God. We seek to foster self-esteem and instil a sense of responsibility to others and the world around them through the teaching of our Christian Values.

We are committed to the pursuit of excellence, and the school curriculum aims to offer all children a broad and balanced, relevant and differentiated curriculum which provides consistency and continuity of teaching throughout the school, enabling every child to maximise their potential.

We work in partnership with parents, the local church, the wider community and other schools to provide an education of the highest quality.

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Modern Foreign Languages Policy

The contribution of MFL in the Primary School:

“Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils’ curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It should also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.”

National Curriculum Purpose of Study for Modern Foreign Languages 2014

Introduction

All children from Reception to Year 6 are taught French using the Language Angels online scheme. Years One to Six receive at least 30 minutes of French teaching a week.

We endeavour to use exciting and effective teaching methods and materials to build enthusiasm and motivation in our children. A great deal of emphasis is placed on speaking and listening skills and children are given the opportunity to learn vocabulary and structures through games, rhymes, chant and song.

Cookridge Holy Trinity CE Primary School greatly values the importance of early language learning and teachers introduce cross-curricular links between Topic lessons and French in Key Stage One and Two to encourage children to embrace learning a second language at an early stage.

We believe that in today’s international and multicultural society it is essential that children develop skills and attitudes which enable them to communicate with, understand and respect other cultures.

Aims of Modern Foreign Language Learning

The aims of the initiative are as follows:

- To enable the pupils to acquire knowledge and skills in French with particular emphasis on speaking and listening
- To capitalise on the ability of young children to rapidly acquire passive and active knowledge of French.
- To broaden the cultural awareness of the pupils and to foster positive attitudes to foreign language learning, to speakers of other languages and a tolerant, sympathetic approach to other cultures and civilisations.
- Where possible and relevant, to embed French into the main primary curriculum.
- To make language learning interesting and relevant by linking it to the outside world through links to schools abroad and language related events.
- To actively encourage the pupils to participate and enjoy the language activities, creating confident learners of another language.
- To use French wherever possible during the lessons.

Target Language Use

During lessons, wherever possible and appropriate, French is used as the main means of communication for real and teaching purposes and therefore it becomes the natural means of communication in the classroom. Young children are natural mimics and easily assimilate the rhythms and sounds of a foreign language. Using French in lessons should help the children with pronunciation, intonation, structure and meaning. Sound files embedded in the Language Angels Scheme ensure that children can hear all lesson content by a native French speaker. Teachers should have a sympathetic approach to pupils' use of French and show tolerance of error. Pupils need constant encouragement in their use of French and a positive approach is vital. Differentiation

All children are equally valued, including those who need extra support for a range of educational difficulties and more able pupils. To ensure that all pupils recognise and fulfil their potential the following strategies for differentiation are employed:

Appropriate teaching strategies for teaching the whole ability range including:

- Use of visual aids/gesture
- Choral and individual repetition
- Physical responses to questions
- Closed questions
- Multiple choice questions
- Open questions
- Tasks with small, clearly identified steps
- Practical activities
- Higher achievers encouraged to lead specific language tasks
- Use of TA or class teacher to support some learners
- Appropriate pupil groupings

Learning Modern Foreign Languages in the primary phase should be a positive experience for all children. Differentiation is essential if all pupils are to regularly experience success. Every opportunity is taken to enable pupils to progress according to their abilities.

Methodology

Learning a foreign language should be enjoyable and relevant for all pupils and a variety of approaches and activities should be used to challenge, motivate and sustain interest.

The majority of lessons will focus on developing the skills of speaking and listening but children will also be given the opportunity to read and write in French.

Approaches and activities include:

- Almost exclusive use of French during lessons supported by the scheme
- Providing opportunities in each lesson for pupils to use and practise what they have learnt
- Language games to enhance motivation, contextualise learning and heighten enjoyment
- Learning songs, rhymes and stories
- Speaking and listening in lessons with more than one person eg. conversations between teacher/pupil, pupil/pupil
- Use of videos and other listening materials to support language learning
- Use of authentic materials
- Use of ICT where relevant and appropriate eg. iPads, teacher produced ICT resources, internet, emails, interactive white boards.
- Some worksheet activities to reinforce learning
- Correspondence with partner schools focusing on cultural differences and similarities

Organisation and Delivery

French is taught in a whole-class setting by the class teacher, HLTA or language specialist and is therefore not reliant on one key member of staff.

Teachers plan their lessons using the Language Angels scheme of work and can supplement this with their own ideas and experience and those of their colleagues.

The lessons are designed to motivate, captivate and interest children from the first moment. They have clear, achievable objectives and incorporate different learning styles. SEN children have access to the curriculum through variation of task, grouping or support from an adult.

Each class has a timetabled lesson of at least thirty minutes per week.

French can also be revisited in short sessions throughout the week to consolidate knowledge and ensure new language is retained.

French lessons include:

- PowerPoints and interactive whiteboard materials
- Interactive games (which pupils can access from home to consolidate their learning)
- Songs & raps
- Differentiated desk-based consolidation activities
- Worksheets (at three different levels of challenge) are provided throughout each teaching unit and can be used in class or can be sent home to be completed as a homework exercise

Each lesson will focus on a combination of the 5 key language learning skills (speaking, listening,

reading, writing and grammar).

Resources

The Language Angels scheme is a fully online resource enabling all teachers in all classes to have instant and continuous access to all the resources they need to teach whichever lesson they choose.

Assessment and Monitoring

Monitoring is an effective tool to inform teachers of the strengths and weaknesses of learners. This information is useful to inform future planning.

Monitoring should be manageable and consistent. It should be an integral part of lesson activities and children need not be aware that they are being assessed.

Two forms of assessment are available at the end of every Language Angels unit:

1. Peer and self-assessment 'I can do...' grids. A quick and easy way for all pupils in the class to record which units they have completed and the progress they are making.
2. More detailed skills based assessments using bespoke skills assessment worksheets. This form of assessment enables us to determine the learning and progression of all pupils in the key language learning skills as well as monitoring their progress against the 12 attainment targets stipulated in the DfE Languages Programme of Study for Key Stage 2

Useful links that support the teaching of MFL

Quality French teaching is enabled by a wide variety of sources. The help of these individuals/agencies is greatly valued and enhances ordinary teaching.

- The British Council
- CILT
- The Language Subject Leaders' Network
- Other advisory teachers in the LA

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Appendices

Resources for MFL

Schemes of Work

Language Angels

Additional Materials:

Wakefield Scheme of Work

La Jolie Ronde Years 3 & 4

La Jolie Ronde Years 5 & 6

Entre Dans La Ronde La Jolie Ronde French for Early Years

OCA A Scheme of Work for KS2

An older scheme but with many relevant lessons, resources and plans

The Key Stage 2 Framework for Languages

Making and Marking Progress on the DCSF Languages Ladder

Resources

Early Start – Salut, ça va – Video based

Joyeux Noël – Christmas Activities plus CD of songs

100+ fun ideas for Practising Modern Foreign Languages - Brilliant Publications

French on Display – Hilary Ansell

Harrap's French for Fun – Video based

Harrap's Further French for Fun – Video based

Pilote 2 En Ville – Video based French course for beginners

Pilote 3 – Faisons les Courses – Video based

Chez Mimi – Teacher's Guide for 9-12 years and video

1a Club – BBC Teacher's Guide and video

Voilà – Teachers Guide and Flashcards

Le Shuttle – French for Children 4 – 11 years

Bonjour les Amis 1 – French Made

Usborne French for

Learn Together E-

Voilà! – Cassette

Counting to

Shopping

Colours

Flip Video Ultra

Games

Memory Trainer – Matching Pairs – Animals

Foods

Body

Days of the Week

Colours

Clothes

Rooms

Weather

Picture/Word Lotto

Snap Cards

Large Dice

Worksheet Resources

Language Angels

C'est Français – Brilliant Publications

Primary Languages Book 1 & 2 – Folens

Pupil Activity Books for La Jolie Ronde Scheme

Music

Singing French – Helen MacGregor & Stephen Chadwick

Allez Hop Chantez – Alison Middleton & Anne Oliver

Chantez Plus Fort! – Rosemary Bevis, Martial Romanteau & Ros Hopwood

Joyeux Noël – La Jolie Ronde

Chante en français CD 1 & 2 – La Jolie Ronde

Books

Sets – French Readers – Fiona Undrill – *Mon corps*

Les couleurs
Où J'habite
A l'école
Mes vêtements
La nourriture
Les animaux
La famille
Quel temps fait-il?

Festivals and Food France – Teresa Fisher (6)

Brown Watson *My First Book of Words & Pictures*

Collins First Time French Dictionary (11)

Collins French School Dictionary (10)

Collins *My First French Picture Dictionary*

Fleurus Pât'images *des mots en images*

Kingfisher *Fun to Learn French*

Kingfisher *First 200 Words in French*

Oxford Primary French Dictionary

Usborne Internet Linked French for Beginners with cassette

Usborne French for Beginners (2)

Usborne Practise your French Workbook

Usborne Picture Dictionary

Usborne Read French

AUZARY-LUTON Sylvie – *Loup y es-tu?*

BATTUT Eric – *Le Secret*

BIELINSKY Claudia – *Les Saisons avec Uki*

Les Couleurs avec Uki

La Semaine d'Uki

Qu'est-ce que tu aimes?

BOUJON Claude – *Bon appétit, Monsieur Lapin!*

BOURDAIS Danièle – *Mon album à moi!*

BROWN Ruth – *Une Histoire Sombre.. Très Sombre*

CARLE Eric – *La chenille qui fait des trous*

CORENTIN Philippe – *Plouf!*

CROZON Alain	– Qui vit ici? Sports à gogo!
Emberley Ed	– Va -t'en, Grand Monsre Vert!
FEIFFER Jules	– Aboie, Georges!
GRËE Gérard et Alain	– Petit Tom et les secrets des bois
HILL Eric	– Le premier Noël de Spot
JEAN Didier et Zad	– Une année avec Mamouna
KUBLER Annie	– Quelle heure est-il, Monsieur le Loup?
MAES Dominique – Chapeau! (2)	
RAMOS Mario	– Tout en Haut
SANDERS Alex	– Toutes les Couleurs
UBAC Claire	– L'anniversaire de Petit Clown
VANDEWIELE Agnès	– Boucle D'Or et les trois ours

Frequently Used Websites

www.languageangels.com

BBC Schools – Primary French

UpToTen.com

SongsforTeaching.com

