

Intent:

At Wheatcroft, our intent is to develop a life-long love and enjoyment of language learning. Through fun, stimulating lessons we aim to foster our pupils' confidence to communicate in another language whether that be through speaking, reading, writing or singing. We value the clear benefits language learning brings, be they personal, cultural or social. Alongside the teaching of key skills of vocabulary, phonic knowledge and grammar we believe it important to raise awareness and develop understanding of what lies behind a different language, namely rich, diverse cultures. We want to foster the confidence in our children to have no fear or reluctance to communicate in a foreign language and to broaden their perspective of life beyond our country's borders.

Implementation:

At Wheatcroft, the modern foreign language we teach is French. All pupils in Key Stage Two receive one taught lesson every week with 'top up' activities later on in the week, delivered by the class teacher. Teachers seek daily opportunities to weave spoken and written French into everyday classroom life through taking the register, classroom instructions and prominent signs in class. Children learn through active participation in stories, songs and games. Whenever possible, we find opportunities for the children to engage with native speakers of the language.

Impact:

Pupils value and take pleasure from the MFL curriculum we deliver at Wheatcroft. They will be able to draw on a range of relevant vocabulary, be able to take part in a simple conversation and read and write sentences in French on a range of topics. Children will have enriched their language learning by developing an understanding of global Francophone culture. We aim for them to leave Year 6 as open-minded world citizens with an enjoyment of language learning. They will be confident to 'have a go' at communicating in a foreign language and feel well prepared and enthused to embark on further language study in Key Stage Three.