



Intent

Why is MFL important at Bridgetown?

At Bridgetown Primary School, French is the modern foreign language that we teach in our curriculum. Through the teaching of French via a specialist teacher, we intend to:

- Ensure that every child has the opportunity to make substantial progress this modern foreign language.
- Provide an opening to other cultures which will foster curiosity and deepen understanding of the world.
- Enable pupils to understand and express their thoughts and ideas in another language.
- Give opportunities for children to communicate for practical purposes.
- Provide a foundation for learning further languages in the future.
- Equip pupils with the ability to understand and communicate ideas, facts and feelings in both speech and writing by providing an appropriate balance of spoken and written language learning opportunities.

Implementation

With these aims in mind we will give pupils the opportunity to:

When is MFL taught?

At Bridgetown we introduce MFL from year 3 up until year 6. Lessons are taught once a week.

How is MFL taught?

Students are taught and learn through a variety of methods including:

- Exploring the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes.
- Investigating stories and poems in the language.
- Listening to the language being spoken and show their understanding by joining in and responding.
- Making links between the spelling, sound and meaning of words.
- Engaging in conversations.
- Asking and answering questions.
- Speaking in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.
- Developing accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others can understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases.
- Describing people, places, things and actions orally and in writing.
- Presenting ideas and information orally.
- Reading carefully and showing understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.
- Broadening their vocabulary by being exposed to new words and phrases.
- Using a French / English dictionary to investigate and explore new words and phrases.
- Writing phrases from memory and adapt these to create new sentences and express ideas clearly.
- Developing an understanding of basic French grammar, including: feminine, masculine and the conjugation of high frequency verbs.
- Learning about the key features and patterns of French and how to apply these to build sentences, comparing them to the English language.

