



MFL at Buttsbury (French)

At Buttsbury Infant School the **intent** of our MFL curriculum is to inspire our pupils to become curious about the world and use the French language. It allows children to appreciate another culture and begin to develop transferable skills as well as a love of language and word origin.

We encourage a healthy growth mindset by promoting social skills including good manners, resilience, perseverance, self-awareness, consideration and cooperation. The curriculum supports children to become fantastic role models and the very best versions of themselves.

Units of learning are blocked, well sequenced and build on previous learning. Lessons ensure that progress is achieved through small steps, allowing children to develop their subject knowledge, consolidate skills and apply their learning. Strands in French include Listening and understanding, speaking and applying acquired phrases to basic conversation, both at phrase and sentence level. Some recognition of French words may begin to develop implicitly, however reading is not taught at this key stage.

At Buttsbury Infant school, French lessons may include:

- Listening to a range of nursery rhymes and songs to learn themed vocabulary
- Recognising French words and phrases
- Holding and practising basic greetings and conversations with peers
- Learning core vocabulary, e.g colours, numbers
- Learning core phrases e.g 'Il y a' and 'ça va'
- Games and interactive whiteboard activities
- Building on previously learned vocabulary

In addition, an awareness of French language and culture, and that of other European languages is promoted and encouraged annually through our European Day of Languages themed day.

What is the **impact** of the French curriculum on our children?

Our curriculum provides a broad and fun introduction to the French language, while promoting an awareness of the wider world, giving children an opportunity to understand that there are other languages spoken other than their mother tongue. Children will be able to greet others in French, as well as use numbers and colours with growing confidence. We also provide themed vocabulary lessons to tie in with other curricular subjects.

As a result of our French curriculum, children transition to the next stage of their education with an enthusiasm for language learning and an introduction to common everyday vocabulary, recognising many words through active listening and using accurate pronunciation of French phonics.

What our children say about French

EYFS - "I like learning different words."

Year 1 - "It is fun to say numbers in French."

Year 2 - "The games we play help me learn the words. I would like to go to France and ask for some ice-cream."