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The Wolds Federation

Modern Foreign Languages

(MFL) Policy

"The child Jesus grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom gaining favour with God and
with people." Luke 2:54

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Intent

Learners will

- Develop resilience in language learning as well as enjoyment of it through a challenging scheme of work
- Acquire language learning strategies for memorisation and retrieval as well as for listening, reading and understanding
- Develop the skill of how to use a bi-lingual dictionary to decode unfamiliar language
- Be able to manipulate language to speak or write sentences creatively using prior knowledge of grammar and key features; with and without a dictionary
- Have a sound grasp of the key sounds of the French language and their corresponding graphemes and be able to apply this knowledge when speaking, listening and reading aloud
- Recognise some of the language patterns of French and how these differ or are similar to English
- Appreciate and be able to copy the sound of the language at text level through songs, stories and rhymes
- Have a deeper understanding of cultural differences and similarities
- Demonstrate substantial progress in learning French and work towards or meet the targets of the KS2 Programme of Study for Languages

See the 'Language Overview' document for specific vocabulary.

Years 3 and 4 – Skills and Knowledge

Skills

- Listen, read and show understanding of single words
- Listen, read and show understanding of short phrases in texts as well as songs and rhymes
- Recognise a familiar question and respond
- Ask and answer several simple and familiar questions
- Write and say a sentence with single familiar words and a connective with support and confident to attempt it without
- Write and say a simple phrase to describe people, places and things with a language scaffold as well as be confident to do the same without support
- Recognise some letter strings and pronounce them in familiar words
- Read aloud short familiar sentences using knowledge of phonics
- Use strategies for memorising vocabulary

- Find the meaning of word in a bi-lingual dictionary
- Use a bi-lingual dictionary to find the meaning or translation of a word
- Join in with the actions of familiar songs, stories and rhymes
- Join in with the words of familiar songs, stories and rhymes sometimes from memory

Knowledge

- Awareness that different word classes exist in French and know some vocabulary for nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, adverbs and conjunction
- 1st and 2nd person pronouns with irregular high frequency verbs
- Awareness that there are 2 groups of nouns in French
- 2 forms of 'you' in French
- Awareness that letters in French can make a different sound to English and silent letters are frequent
- Formation of a question with rising intonation
- Pattern of questions with question words
- Awareness of silent letters
- Awareness of elision
- Rules for making nouns plural
- Making a sentence say not
- Position of colour adjectives in a sentence
- Awareness that French is spoken in other countries besides France
- Some French speaking countries in Europe

Years 5 and 6 – Skills and Knowledge

Skills

- Listen, read and show understanding of more complex familiar phrases and sentences in texts
- Listen, read and show understanding of more complex sentences using familiar and unfamiliar words
- Ask and answer more complex familiar questions
- Engage in a short conversation using familiar questions and express opinions
- Write and say a more complex sentence to describe people, places and things with a language scaffold as well as be confident to do the same without support
- Write and say a more complex sentence to describe people, places and things manipulating language with a bi-lingual dictionary as well as be confident to do the same without support
- Read aloud more complex familiar sentences using knowledge of phonics
- Pronounce unfamiliar words in a sentence with a high degree of accuracy using phonic knowledge
- Use a bi-lingual dictionary to find the meaning of nouns in the plural, adjectives in agreement and conjugated verbs

- Follow the text of a familiar rhyme, song or story and identify the meaning of the words
- Read aloud the text of familiar songs, rhymes and stories

Knowledge

- Indefinite article and gender of nouns
- Plural nouns
- Rules of agreement of adjectives in the singular and plural
- Position of majority of adjectives in a sentence
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd person singular and 3rd person plural of an irregular high frequency verb
- Development of understanding of formation of questions
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd person singular pronouns and 3rd person plural pronouns and verb conjugation for regular -er verbs
- Formal use of 'you' with regular and irregular high frequency verbs
- Formation of a question with rising intonation
- Pattern of questions with question words
- Partitive in singular and plural
- Definite article
- Formation of a relative clause
- Elision
- Concept of liaison
- Traditional songs and rhymes

Implementation

- The lesson plans are designed to be 30 minutes in length for Years 3/4 and 45 minutes in length for Years 5/6. There are follow-up activities to each lesson to increase the exposure time in a week
- The lessons are designed to be progressive and build on prior learning, moving from word to sentence level over the four years
- In Years 3 and 4 the same structures and grammatical knowledge are revisited in both cycles, however, the vocabulary is different
- In Years 5 and 6 some of the same structures are revisited but only by completing the two year cycle will all the knowledge and skills be covered
- The lesson plans include ideas for support for the less able and to extend the more able
- The lesson activities are challenging, varied and interactive and develop listening, reading, speaking and writing skills
- Interactive whiteboard resources with audio support are provided; purchase of a set of storybooks and phonics book is a requisite to access the scheme and additional resources are recommended particularly for songs and rhymes
- The choice of vocabulary ensures exposure to all the key phonic sounds and ability to build sentences using grammatical knowledge
- Who teaches the scheme to ensure high quality lessons is at the discretion of the school but linguistic up-skilling and methodology training is available to support its delivery as well as detailed lesson plans linked to ready-made resource templates and audio recordings of stories and rhymes read by a native speaker

- It is expected that formative assessment in each lesson informs the planning and teaching of subsequent lesson plans

Impact

- The lesson plans indicate which activity is an opportunity to assess progress and is linked to the KS2 targets and in particular to those of the appropriate year group as detailed above
- A teacher assessment grid is provided to record attainment of each target for each skill in each year group and to track progress
- The completed activities in the accompanying workbooks gather evidence of the listening, reading and writing targets
- Evidence of speaking activities can be gathered by making audio recordings of the suggested activities in the lesson plans
- Children self-assess their progress at the end of each section of work using a traffic light system and comment on their grasp of the new knowledge. In addition, there is space for teachers to provide a written response
- The use of the 'transition document' is encouraged to relay information to feeder secondary schools about prior language learning
- Based on the evidence of the above records of achievement and progress, teachers can inform parents/guardians of this, using report statements which relate to the expected targets of each year group under the headings 'emerging, expected and exceeding'
- To enhance the impact on enjoyment and intercultural understanding, consider organising language events and competitions; making penfriend links; provide access to out-of-school online materials; take-home bags of resources etc.
- All of the above provides evidence that the 'statements of intent' are met

Documentation

This document and the language overview of the scheme of work can be found in the Schemes of Work area of the Cave Languages website www.cavelanguages.co.uk/schemes-of-work

Assessment grids, report comments and the transition document can all be found in the Sharing Good Practice area of the Cave Languages website <https://www.cavelanguages.co.uk/sharing-good-practice>

Before implementing the above, a good starting point might be to use first the 'Primary Languages – School Self-Audit Tool' which can also be found here <https://www.cavelanguages.co.uk/sharing-good-practice>