



Intent

At Northowram Primary School, through our French curriculum, we aim to expand French vocabulary, increase our children's knowledge and curiosity about France and promote high aspirations. Our desire is to create a vocabulary-rich curriculum that goes beyond national curriculum coverage of French as learning a foreign language provides an opening to another culture. Our teaching of French enables pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in French and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. French also provides opportunities for the children to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great examples of the language. Through teaching language, this provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping our pupils with beginnings of the skills to learn more and go on to study and work in other countries. We strive for our curriculum to build on prior learning and previously taught and acquired skills for example learning the different weathers in year 4 and building on this in year 6 during the 'Our World' topic.

Implementation

French has a high status in our school and is taught for 45 minutes each week from years 3 - 6. The children engage in lessons where prior learning is recapped, vocab is taught and key knowledge goals are explained and discussed. Children will apply their new learning to a range of tasks including French speaking, listening and writing tasks. Each individual lesson has content that is scaffolded where necessary so that learning is inclusive, age-appropriate and that our high expectations are maintained. Our scheme of learning (Kapow) is progressive and there are clear links between year groups. Children are provided with key vocabulary to use in order to complete their work and in year 6, children use French dictionaries to enhance their learning and find more ambitious vocabulary. We also spend time retrieving from prior learning and recapping on vocabulary that will be useful for the current learning.

Impact

By the end of KS2, our children will know more, understand more and remember more of the French language as well as know more about the country of France. They will be motivated and inspired to continue their learning as they progress into KS3. Children will display confidence and enjoyment in French. Children will have had the opportunity to understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources, speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity and write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt. Impact is measured and monitored by the subject leader throughout KS2 using a variety of strategies such as book scrutinises, lesson observations, staff discussions and pupil interviews.