

Modern Foreign Languages

Intent

At Bradfield C.E. Primary School, the aim of teaching French as a modern foreign language is to build basic conversational skills. The aim is both to build the children's resilience in acquiring a new skill and to stimulate the children's interest in finding out about other cultures in predominantly French speaking parts of the world.

Implementation

Children study units of work based on The Primary French Project. These are very practical, with a focus on imitation games, songs and rhymes to teach the children in a stimulating way. Although the emphasis is on conversational French, the children are expected to write a short piece within most sessions using the language and grammar they have learnt orally. The punctuation and phonetic element will be supported in their English and spelling lessons too.

Links to the geography and culture are embedded in each session, so that the children will be able to make meaningful connections between the language and the people and places linked to it.

Impact

Children are enthusiastic about the subject and enjoy using it in activities like the register, or participating in games. They bring their own experiences of holidays in France to the table and delving into the language and culture of one country encourages the children to take a greater interest in the global community outside Bradfield Southend.