



## **MFL at St Luke's**

### **Intent**

We believe every pupil deserves a broad and ambitious MFL curriculum. At St Luke's, we aim to equip pupils for their future through a well sequenced French curriculum enabling pupils to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for their present and their future. We aim for readiness. Through delivering high quality French lessons, we encourage pupils to develop a broader interest in the understanding of the French language and cultures from French speaking countries. We aim to provide purposeful learning opportunities to speak with increasing confidence in school, on trips and on visits abroad. By the time pupils leave St Luke's, they are able to listen, speak, read and write in French so they are more than prepared to continue their MFL at secondary school.

### **Implementation**

Teachers lead dialogic classrooms with purposefully planned opportunities to incorporate the principles of classroom talk (Alexander 2020). Both KS1 and KS2 receive weekly French lessons. This goes beyond the expectations of the National Curriculum and ensures pupils are given the opportunity to master French by the time they leave St Luke's.

Weekly lessons are sequential and build on from previous knowledge and skills. Pupils in KS1 begin by listening to French songs and rhymes. Pupils listen to the patterns of the language and join in singing French songs and rhymes when confident.

As pupils progress through the school, they have planned opportunities to speak, read and write in French. Dual language texts and workbooks ensure pupils learn and can see the grammatical structures of a different language with the scaffold of pictures and dual coding to learn support the acquisition of new vocabulary.

Weekly lessons ensure pupils build on prior learning and broaden their knowledge, skills and vocabulary.

### **Impact**

Throughout the school, there is a love of learning languages. French is taught enthusiastically and pupils show curiosity and excitement to learn more, using and applying what they know in their speaking, reading and writing. Pupils enjoy celebrating other cultures, making links to our interconnected curriculum and locating the numerous French speaking countries throughout the world. French lessons at St Luke's equip pupils with a love of languages, fostering children's intercultural awareness about the world around them and promoting global citizenship.