

Modern Foreign Languages at Glendale Middle School

Intent

French is the only MFL studied at Glendale Middle School; this specific focus enables pupils to make substantial progress in a single foreign language.

In line with the 2014 National Curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages, Glendale Middle School aims to ensure that all children:

- Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.
- Are able to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and that they are continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.
- Begin to write simple words and phrases
- Develop curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world whilst also building the skills and confidence to interact within it.

At Glendale Middle School, we are committed to ensuring that competence in another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. It also helps children develop skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of French in KS2 provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and lays the foundations for further foreign language teaching in KS3 and beyond.

Implementation

Children are introduced to French predominantly through songs and simple words or phrases. This is extended to children using some of these words or phrase in the classroom such as answering the register or greeting the teacher. This enables the children to develop early language acquisition skills that facilitate their understanding of the patterns of language and how these differ from or are similar to English.

Each class has a timetabled French lesson of 60 minutes (120 minutes in year 8) per week to develop the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing within the subject such that:

- Children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and respond, as well as developing these skills.
- Children develop an appreciation of a variety of stories, songs, poems and rhymes in French that are delivered throughout the curriculum.
- Children understand the differences in culture, such as their history, food and music and can explore these within the classroom.

Impact

The pupil's are assessed on their knowledge of French as a modern foreign language through quizzes at the end of each core knowledge area. Each lesson will involve the children speaking aloud and their pronunciation will be consistently monitored throughout. Evidence of writing will be stored within the children's folders to ensure standards can be moderated.