



MFL at Shears Green Junior School

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Learning a foreign language is an opportunity for nurturing curiosity and knowledge about the world, as well as providing a focus on practical communication and creating the foundation to a potential lifelong language learning journey. At Shears Green Junior School, all children and staff have access to Linguafun – an interactive online language learning resource for primary schools. The teaching of MFL should lay the foundations for further foreign language teaching at key stage 3 and possibly beyond.

Aims:

The national curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Understand and respond to spoken and written language.
- Speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.
- Can write at varying length, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.
- Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

1. Lessons will start with a quick recap of prior learning, through questioning, a game, song or short dictation. Following that, there will be the discussion of the lesson's LO, and an introduction to some of the key vocabulary.
2. Children will be given ample opportunity to listen to and to repeat the key vocabulary, trying to improve the accuracy of their pronunciation.
3. Lessons could involve discussion, role-play, songs, games, matching activities and the use of French-English/English-French Dictionaries can also be used as differentiation or to challenge students. The Linguafun resource is also available.
4. At times, written work will be completed to assess the children's understanding.
5. Misconceptions in pronunciation will be addressed immediately and also by mini-plenaries, and lessons will finish by either assessing, consolidating or deepening the children's understanding.
6. Due to time constraints resulting in French lessons lasting less than 30 minutes per week, French will be used at other times, for example giving instructions in French, using key vocabulary in PE or Games Lesson warm-up activities and children should be answering the register in French twice daily.