

**Marwood Primary School**  
**Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Statement**

**Intent:**

The intention of the MFL curriculum at Marwood Primary School is that children are taught to develop an interest in learning other languages in a way that is enjoyable and stimulating. We encourage children's confidence and stimulate children's curiosity about language. We help children develop their awareness of cultural differences in other countries, giving an insight into the people, culture and traditions. We strive to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing necessary to enable children to use and apply their French learning in a variety of contexts and lay the foundations for future language learning.

**Implementation:**

At Marwood Primary School, French is taught as the main focus of our language learning, with some other languages (such as Japanese and Spanish) being introduced through our topic work. We begin introducing French in the Foundation class, through songs, simple instructions and greetings. This gives opportunities for children to become familiar with listening to and speaking another language as the early acquisition of a foreign language facilitates the learning of other foreign languages later in life.

Our MFL curriculum is designed to progressively develop skills in languages, and to allow children to acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around topics. Children are encouraged and supported to develop their speaking and listening skills through conversational work, singing activities and games. As confidence and skill grows, children record their work through pictures, captions and sentences in their French books. In KS2, we follow the PlanIt scheme of work to ensure provision and progression, and in Foundation and KS1 we use La Jolie Ronde to support our language teaching. All of our children in KS2 have weekly French lessons, alongside fortnightly lessons taught by a language teacher from one of our secondary schools.

**Impact:**

Our MFL curriculum ensures that all pupils develop key language learning skills set out by the national curriculum, as well as a love of languages and learning about other cultures.

- Children will become aware that a language has a structure, and that the structure differs from one language to another.
- Children will develop their language through development of the four key skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.
- Children will enrich their language learning by developing an understanding of the French culture.
- Children will learn how language skills can be applied to a range of languages.
- Children will transfer to KS3 effectively and successfully and will be well prepared to continue and develop their language skills.