



# Bramcote C of E MFL Curriculum

## Intent:

At Bramcote C of E Primary School, we aim to instil a love of language learning and an awareness of other cultures. The French curriculum has been designed to serve young linguists in the modern world. Key areas of focus have been deliberately selected to ensure that pupils are equipped with knowledge and language that will serve them in engaging with important and useful topics such as the environment, wellbeing and travel. The curriculum focuses not just on vocabulary acquisition but also on the building blocks of learning a new language, facilitating future study and opening opportunities to study and work in other countries in the future.

## Implementation:

At Bramcote C of E, we follow the *Kapow Primary French* scheme of work which is designed with six strands that run throughout:

- Speaking and pronunciation
- Listening
- Reading and writing
- Grammar
- Intercultural understanding
- Language detective skills

Through Kapow Primary's French scheme, pupils are given opportunities to communicate for practical purposes around familiar subjects and routines. The scheme provides balanced opportunities for communication in both spoken and written French, and is taught from Year 3 onwards in a weekly lesson. The Kapow Primary scheme is a spiral curriculum, with key skills and vocabulary revisited repeatedly with increasing complexity, allowing pupils to revise and build on their previous learning. Cross-curricular links are included throughout our French units, allowing children to make connections and apply their language skills to other areas of their learning.

At Bramcote C of E, lessons incorporate a range of teaching strategies from independent tasks, paired and group work including role-play, language games and language detective work. Our curriculum focuses on developing what we term 'language detective skills' and developing an understanding of French grammar, rather than on committing to memory vast amounts of French vocabulary. Differentiated guidance is available for every lesson to ensure that lessons can be accessed and enjoyed by all.

## Impact:

Our French curriculum ensures pupils leave Bramcote C of E equipped with a range of language-learning skills to enable them to study French, or any other language, with confidence at Key Stage 3 and beyond.

Through carefully sequenced learning they are able to engage in purposeful dialogue in practical situations (e.g., ordering in a cafe) and express an opinion.

Pupils are able to identify word classes in a sentence and apply grammatical rules they have learnt. Have developed an awareness of cognates and near-cognates and be able to use them to tackle unfamiliar words in French, English, and other languages.

## Spirituality

Our French curriculum develops an understanding of French culture, customs, celebrations, food and landmarks.

Pupils are encouraged to accept and embrace other languages and cultures and to be empathetic to the beliefs and traditions of others and stereotypes are challenged where necessary. This gives them the opportunity to consider 'identity' and what it means to them and others. Children explore emotions through language, reflect on different uses of language and they are often given the opportunity to use their imagination and creativity in groups and pair work. Our French curriculum promotes self-esteem by developing pupils' confidence. Pupils are encouraged to try new things, including performing in front of their peers which promotes appreciation and support.

