

MFL at Foxmoor Primary School

At Foxmoor School, we believe that the learning of a foreign language provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for the pupils. Pupils develop communication and literacy skills that lay the foundation for future language learning. They develop linguistic competence, extend their knowledge of how language works and explore differences and similarities between foreign languages and English. Learning another language raises awareness of the multi-lingual and multi-cultural world and introduces an international dimension to pupils' learning, giving them an insight into their own culture and those of others.

We teach French to children in Y3 to Y6 in short 15/20 minute lessons. Where appropriate, teachers increasingly aim to give children opportunities to practise their foreign language in the context of lessons in other subject areas. For instance, some instructions may be given in another language in a PE lesson; or children may count in another language while carrying out a numeracy activity or sing in another language. This acts to reinforce the vocabulary and structures they have learned. Greetings, registers, classroom routines and praise words are also conducted in French. This integrated approach is a strong model for teaching and learning, giving children opportunities to use and develop their language for communicating in stress-free real-life contexts.