



## Crossflatts' MFL Curriculum

### Our Intent – The Why

#### The Thrill...

The intention of the MFL curriculum at Crossflatts Primary School is that children are taught to develop an interest in learning another language, French, in a way that is enjoyable and stimulating. We encourage children's confidence and creative skills. We strive to stimulate and encourage children's curiosity about language. We help children develop their awareness of cultural differences in other countries, primarily France. We 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.

#### The Will...

Our MFL curriculum is designed to develop children's skills in languages through regular taught lessons. Children progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary organised around topics. Children enjoy developing 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.

Children at Crossflatts Primary enjoy using and embedding their skills during our Curriculum Enhancement events which run throughout the school year. These include the 'European Day of Languages' celebrations (an event originally established by the council of Europe and the EU), a pet show, a café, a fashion show and more!

#### The Skill...

Our exciting and challenging MFL curriculum takes the children on a learning journey which incorporates the key skills necessary to acquire another language. This ensures our children leave the school with the skills to be confident linguists with a strong awareness of cultural differences and a curiosity about the wider world.

Teaching enables pupils to make substantial progress in one language. An appropriate balance of spoken and written language lays the foundations for further foreign language learning at key stage 3. Pupils are taught to communicate facts, feelings and ideas in speech and writing, using their knowledge of phonology, grammatical structures and vocabulary.

Children are assessed using both formative and summative assessment, in line with curriculum requirements.

#### To Be Brill...

We strive to ensure that our pupil's attainment is in line or exceeds their potential when we consider the varied starting points of all our children. The learning challenges used to plan and teach MFL ensure that children are accessing work at age related expectations, with regular opportunities to be challenged through higher level objectives.

Children will have 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. As linguists children will learn lessons from MFL to influence the decisions they make in their lives and their understanding of different cultures.

At Crossflatts we know it is a big, wide world out there and we encourage our children to explore and embrace it!

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### The Crossflatts French Learning Journey

#### Phase 1 – Speaking and Listening

Introduce vocabulary orally. Focus on nouns, depending on ability. Children play lots of games to encourage spoken language.

#### Phase 2 – Vocabulary

Begin to introduce sight vocabulary and match with the words spoken and listened to in phase 1.

#### Phase 3 – Phrases

Begin to add words such as adjectives or positional vocabulary, to make noun phrases

#### Phase 4 – Sentences

Build on the phrases in phase 3 to produce sentences.

#### Phase 5 – Showcase/Assessment

Give the children a purpose – a piece of work that will bring together all their learning



### How to help at home....

Here are some suggestions for ways you can help your child:

#### **1. Take your child to a museum**

France has produced some of the most talented artists, such as Monet and Renoir. Check your local museum's schedule to see when it is featuring a French-inspired exhibition and bring your child along. The admission for children is typically free.

#### **2. Celebrate French holidays**

Celebrating important French holidays, such as **Bastille Day**, will teach your child about French history. Celebrate by making some fun crafts or taking part in holiday traditions. Similar to the Fourth of July, the French display fireworks.

#### **3. Cook a French meal**

Familiarize your child with **French cuisine** by having him or her help you whip up a traditional French meal. Your child can channel their inner Gordon Ramsey with traditional French dishes, such as quiche and crème brûlée.

#### **4. Watch a French movie**

Fire up Netflix and host a **French movie** night with your family. Here are some kid-friendly French movies you and your child can enjoy: "A Monster in Paris," "The Red Ballon," and "Tintin and the Lake of Sharks."

#### **5. Listen to French music**

Do you have a Pandora or Spotify account? Download some French songs to listen to while at home or on the road.

Listening to French music will help familiarize your child with French accents and pronunciations.

### **6. Puzzles**

You can download and print dozens of free French crosswords and word searches for your child. He or she will have fun playing, while simultaneously learning French vocabulary and simple sentences. Keep a stack in the car for long road trips.

### **7. Memory game**

Create some French flashcards and place them face down on a table. Your child will flip over two cards. If the pictures match, your child will flip over two more cards. The point of the game is to match all of the cards from memory.

### **8. Colouring books**

Buy a colouring book to spark your child's creativity, while helping him or her learn various vocabulary words and themes.

### **9. Read French books**

There are a ton of beginner French books. *Le Petit Prince* is one of the most well-known French children's books. You can find the book in almost any book shop or online.

### **10. Hangman**

This French activity is played exactly like the original Hangman version, except you are using French vocabulary words and phrases instead of English.