



French Curriculum Intent at St John's Catholic Primary School, Trowbridge.

At St John's Catholic Primary School, Catholic Social Teaching (Caritas in Action by Diocese of Salford) passionately strengthens our teaching of the 2014 National Curriculum for French. This aims to ensure that all children:

- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help
- speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases
- present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing
- understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English

We believe that learning French provides an important social and cultural experience for our children. It will enable them to communicate with their brothers and sisters around the world, spreading their faith and God's love further to build the Kingdom of God. Developing the children's knowledge of how language works through speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar skills in French, will reinforce their understanding of the English language, their first language and future languages. Learning an additional language, such as French, gives the children a new and deeper understanding of the world, encouraging them to appreciate other cultures and, therefore, helping to develop solidarity and 'care for our common home' (Laudato Si). Currently 31% of our children are EAL and represent 11 out of 17 ethnic groups. These we celebrate as a school community through the sharing of experiences and cultural differences.

We intend for the children to develop a genuine interest and curiosity about foreign languages, finding them enjoyable and stimulating. We are a feeder school for a local Catholic secondary school who offer French as an option to study at KS3 and KS4, therefore we would like the children to have grown in confidence with their skills and knowledge of French and have the enthusiasm to continue studying this in their further education.