

French

Sharlston Vision

At Sharlston, we inspire every child to shine by nurturing their unique talents and fostering a love for learning. Together, as a community, we celebrate success as a shared experience, empowering everyone to reach their full potential.

Subject Vision

At Sharlston, we believe that learning a foreign language is a vital part of every child's education and personal development. Our vision for teaching French is to ignite curiosity, foster global awareness and build the foundations for lifelong language learning. Through engaging, inclusive and creative lessons, we aim to develop children's knowledge and skills as linguists so that children have the confidence to communicate in French, while also cultivating a deep respect for other cultures and ways of life.

Curriculum Drivers

Learning

Children engage enthusiastically in speaking and listening activities within small groups, pairings and in

- Children take part in lessons which foster curiosity, creativity and risktaking in using a new language.
- Children are given opportunities to read and write French words and develop confidence and independence doing this.
- Children are taught the skills of resilience and perseverance to prepare them for future challenges in school as well as later life.
- Children are encouraged to ask questions and seek to extend their language knowledge. They use learned vocabulary in class routines and informal contexts.
- Children are encouraged to practise French outside of lessons (e.g. at home, with friends in the playground) to give language learning a meaningful use.
- Children take pride in their language learning

Citizenship

Children take part in lessons that promote collaboration, interaction and cultural exploration through engaging and inclusive teaching.

- Children feel a sense of belonging as part of a respectful classroom culture where making mistakes in a new language is seen as a positive step in learning.
- Children learn about and show respect for French-speaking cultures around the world.
- Children celebrate diversity in language and identity, including their own and others'.
- Demonstrates responsibility, tolerance, and kindness in interactions — in French and English.

Communication

- Children learn subject specific vocabulary, linked to a range of topics and are given opportunities to practise this language in real-life learning scenarios e.g. ordering food, introducing themselves, giving directions).
- Children learn to ask and answer questions using correct pronunciation and grammar.
- Children become familiar with sentence stems and vocabulary mats to support independent sentence building and communication of taught vocabulary.
- Children work individually, in pairs, groups and as a whole class when developing communication skills through songs, role-plays, games and speaking activities.
- Children are taught to evaluate and improve their work and are encouraged to use their collaborative skills when doing so.
- Pupils use French regularly in classroom routines (e.g. answering the register, asking for help, responding to classroom routines)

Supplements