



French (KS2) at Bishop David Sheppard CE (A) Primary School

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.” Nelson Mandela

Intent

At Bishop David Sheppard, our key aim is to enable all our children to become, passionate, independent, confident and competent individuals in a foreign language. We believe that learning a language encourages diversity within society and prepares pupils to better face the challenges that await them in our multicultural society. Strengthening their sense of identity through learning about culture in other countries and comparing this with their own, is also at the heart of our curriculum.

Implementation

Following the Language Angels scheme of work, our curriculum is designed to develop pupils speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar skills to ensure they leave primary school with solid foundations to start their next educational journey. We always aim to make the subject as real and relevant to everyday life as possible by creating practical situations such as taking part in language celebrations in the wider community, celebrating children’s work through displays and whole school presentations. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries (Ofsted, 2021). We learn French across our Key Stage 2 classes. However, we believe it is important that our Key Stage 1 and EYFS have some exposure to other cultures and languages throughout their curriculum too.

Impact

Learning a language develops children’s cultural capital, widens their knowledge of other cultures and customs and provides children with the potential to learn further languages. We hope that all the abilities and skills developed through learning a



foreign language will help them reach and achieve their true potential.

References

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