



## Primary Foreign Language - French

**SUBJECT LEADER:** Nicki Bradbury

At Nether Kellet Community Primary School we teach French to all children in KS2.

We believe that teaching and learning a foreign language:

- Makes a positive contribution to the primary curriculum
- Provides a valuable educational, social and cultural experience for pupils
- Develops communication and literacy skills that lay the foundations for language learning.

It is widely believed that the early acquisition of a foreign language supports the learning of other foreign languages later in life.

### **Aims**

At Nether Kellet Community Primary School we recognise the importance of learning a modern foreign language.

Through its teaching we aim to:

- Foster an interest in learning other languages.
- Introduce children to another language in a way that is enjoyable and fun.
- Make children aware that language has structure, and that the structures have some similarities and some differences when compared with English. In so doing learning elements of a foreign language may enhance their learning of English grammar.
- Help children develop their awareness of cultural similarities and differences with other countries.
- Develop their speaking and listening skills.
- Lay the foundations for future study.

### **Organisation**

In Key Stage 2, French is taught for approximately 1 hour in total per week.

Lessons are approximately 30 minutes long with the class teacher reinforcing learning throughout the week by, for example, giving instructions in French, playing a French game at the end of the school day or by taking the register in French.

The teaching of French will be monitored by the PFL Co-ordinator.

Nether Kellet is twinned with a village in France. Where possible, opportunities are sought to further develop the children's understanding of French culture and language through this link.

### **Special Educational Needs**

At Nether Kellet Community Primary School we teach French to all children, whatever their ability.

Through our teaching of French, we provide learning opportunities that enable all children to make progress and are fully inclusive in our approach in line with our SEND policy.

### **Teaching and learning style**

The teaching of French in KS2 is based on the guidance material in the CGP French interactive teaching resources, CMP French and other web-based learning resources.

At Nether Kellet Primary School we use a variety of teaching styles to encourage children to take an active role in their learning of French. These include:

- Games, role-play and songs, particularly action songs.
- Mime to support the learning of new vocabulary.
- Emphasis on listening and speaking skills.
- Cultural links through food and cooking.
- Short writing activities linking spoken and written French.

We make the lessons as enjoyable as possible to develop a positive attitude in the children to the learning of French and build children's confidence through constant praise for contributions they make in French.

### **Resources**

Teachers use the Salut program as the basis for French language teaching and supplement this with other resources where appropriate. The resources are interactive and give guidance for teachers who are not language specialists or proficient in the language themselves in order to teach it effectively.

### **Assessment for Learning**

Teachers assess children's work in French to inform their teaching.

Continuous assessment is used to help inform planning.

We assess the children's acquisition of language on a termly basis using that term's end points and this learning and assessment is monitored by the subject leader.

We summarise each child's progress, at the end of each academic year, in a written report to parents/carers and to inform our teaching for the following year.

### **Professional Development**

Nether Kellet Community Primary School is committed to continuing professional development for its staff. Specialist teaching guidance is available through the Lancashire PFL Advisor.

