



At Sandon Primary Academy, children in Key Stage 2 learn to speak French through access to a progression based Modern Foreign Language curriculum. The curriculum teaches national curriculum objectives, which are then strengthened by a multitude of enrichment opportunities provided to all. Children are taught by a specialist teacher, taking advantage of strong subject knowledge and concise linguistic expertise. Children begin with learning the basic underpinnings of language through memorable rhymes, songs and games, and in Upper Key Stage 2, sounds and patterns of language are explored through pupil led discussions and grammar focussed activities.

Exploration of learning is planned for and encouraged through a vast range of grammatical exercises, pattern seeking and end of unit projects, which provides context to pupil's learning and promotes further curiosity for the subject.

Half-termly studies of key themes expose pupils to new vocabulary, phonics, grammar and linguistic challenges which build progressively upon prior learning. Children explore the themes of Friendship, Family, Animals, Shopping, Weather, Holidays, Food and Eurovision.

Children with Special Educational Needs and those who are disadvantaged thrive in lessons as they are able to access the practical nature of the subject. They have opportunities to revisit and deepen their learning, gaps in learning are addressed before being built upon with new contextual grammar and vocabulary.

During a pupil's journey through the French curriculum at Sandon, they will engage in half termly lessons with a specialist teacher, an annual French day (Bastille Day), regular trips to our language lab, various native texts and multimedia sources, and everyday language practice with their class teacher. With the new addition of the VR headsets to Sandon, pupils can get closer than ever to the country of origin of our language on offer, helping to enrich not only their linguistic understanding, but also their cultural understanding.

In Year 6, Pupils have the opportunity to apply the skills of language acquisition to the learning of Spanish as a transition unit.

Children can also access French club which aims to encourage a passion for learning languages by further focussing on enriching the cultural elements of language learning, including cuisine, art, music and history.

