



EXPLORING FRENCH

Intent • Implementation • Impact

Pembroke is a school where we encourage everyone to be **inspired** through faith in God and to live by Christian values so that our **teaching and learning** is of the highest quality, our whole community **flourishes** and we reflect all that is worthy of **praise**.

INTENT	How does French inspire our children?	Learning a foreign language is a necessary part of being a member of a global community and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. Due to having a fluent French speaker on our staff, we explore this language and its country in fun and exciting ways. Our teaching and learning helps our children to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. We also provide opportunities for them to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and, as they become more proficient, read simple stories and other information in the original language. We aim to provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping children to study and work in other countries of the world.	
IMPLEMENTATION	How is our teaching and learning in French organised?	Children begin learning French from Year 3 with a dedicated time each week. Depending on class sizes, children might be taught in year groups or in mixed-age classes. Objectives from Focus Education® are tailored to suit so that through Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2, specific knowledge, skills and understanding are explored with the children in fun and exciting ways; these are assessed informally. Other year targets are taken from a range of online resources. Excellent use is made of learning through songs, stories, discussions and cartoons together with matching games and simple reading and writing – all helping children to put key vocabulary into their long-term memory! Not only is grammar and pronunciation taught, but there is an emphasis on learning about the culture of France and what it is like to live in a different and diverse country. Regular displays and prompts around school help reinforce vocabulary for everyone.	
IMPACT	How does French help our children to flourish and be worthy of praise?	We rejoice when our children have some confidence to understand a range of French phrases and vocabulary to use in practical situations such as asking directions or to ask for a drink, or to explain likes and dislikes, or to describe themselves and others. If they can be in France sharing this, then all the better! Our children are keen to learn more and often practise outside the French lesson at different times in the week. Occasional French breakfasts in school help reinforce the culture of France and are enjoyed by all. When children leave to go to their next stage of learning, we are pleased when they remain interested in modern foreign languages and demonstrate a worthy level of knowledge, skills and understanding amongst their peers.	