

Languages at Portway

At Portway Junior school, we aim to provide a relevant, broad and vibrant foreign languages curriculum which inspires and excites our pupils. In line with provision delivered by our link secondary schools, we teach French ensuring that our pupils progress within each academic year and that this range of skills and vocabulary is extended year upon year. Where possible and meaningful, we teach units of work aligning with year group topics in order to make learning more purposeful.

We strive to create a classroom culture in which children feel safe and are encouraged to speak French. The four key language learning skills; **listening**, **speaking**, **reading** and **writing** are integrated in an age-appropriate and consistent way across lessons. Routinely using French for registers, instructions and classroom management helps the children to become more confident in speaking, listening and understanding.

All classes have access to a very high-quality foreign languages curriculum using the Language Angels scheme of work and resources. This progressively develops pupil skills in foreign languages through regularly taught and well-planned weekly lessons in Years 3-6 which will be taught by class teachers. They include audio-supported presentations, songs, interactive games and visual tasks to meet the needs of all learners, including children with SEND.

The opportunity to assess pupil learning and progression in the key language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and against the 12 DfE Languages Programme of Study for Key Stage 2 attainment targets, is provided at the end of each 6-week teaching unit. Teachers can record, analyse and access this data easily using the Tracking and Progression Tool that will monitor class and individual progress in French.

The school has a unit planner in place which will serve as an overall 'teaching map' outlining for all teachers within the school what each class in each year group will be taught and when it will be taught. Each teaching unit is divided into 6 fully planned lessons which are progressive within themselves but build on the language taught in previous lessons.

In addition to following the lessons provided in the Language Angels scheme of work and resources, we facilitate a whole school French day/Languages day to improve cultural awareness and celebrate their learning.

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At Portway Junior School, in line with our school values, we strive for all pupils to develop a genuine interest and positive curiosity about foreign languages, finding them enjoyable and stimulating. Learning a second language offers pupils the opportunity to explore relationships between language and identity, develop a deeper understanding of other cultures and the world around them with a better awareness of self, others and cultural differences. Our pupils are working towards becoming life-long language learners.