Intent

Our intention for Modern Foreign Language at Carlton Primary is for children to be filled with enthusiasm and be driven with an open mindedness and receptive attitude to discover and learn about other cultures.

We have chosen French as our centred language and through this language we are inspiring our children to learn about the French culture comparing this with our British Values and culture here in the UK.

We want our children to grow in confidence and inspire others to enjoy the French language and culture. We want them to be inspired to know more about the use of French grammar using nouns, verbs and adjectives which enhances their literacy awareness.

Implementation

How do we teach our Languages Curriculum?

We believe that this subject is specifically enhanced by the use of highly qualified teachers with subject expertise from a company that specialises in delivering a robust French curriculum.

They provide carefully planned lessons that are sequenced so that prior learning is powerfully used to provide opportunities to use their skills and their knowledge of grammar.

A clear lesson routine, followed by the lesson objective that ensures a regular revisit of vocabulary which builds confidence in the children. Each half term some French cultural input will take place in addition to the vocabulary and grammar input.

A website to reinforce and extend learning outside of the classroom:

https://www.petite-etoile.co.uk/carlton-primary

Petite Etoile has a 'Carlton Primary page' on their website specifically for the benefit of pupils at Carlton Primary. The childrens' work is celebrated and shared in the gallery and pupils can watch videos that recap key language from their lessons whenever they wish. They can also extend their learning with links to other language websites such as BBC Bitesize and are encouraged to listen to French stories and songs at home.

Language Ambassadors are chosen each term as role models for others in the class and whose main role is to support others. They also help to promote languages within the school through various school displays, competitions, assemblies, older and younger peer on peer activities and cultural events.

The children also participate in a French penpal scheme and write letters in French during lesson time to the school that Petite Etoile have chosen.

Impact

The impact of teaching children French through a very experienced and established company means the children leave our school well prepared for their Secondary School language curriculum.

Children's voice around this subject has been great with some children being able to reply in French:

'I love Madame Bentley's lessons they are fun and I learn a lot!' Year 3 student.

'Madame Bentley est Magnifique' Year 4 student.

'J'aime beaucoup le français et j'apprends beaucoup sur la France' Year 6 student.