Durham Gilesgate Primary School

Modern Foreign Language (MFL)

Intent

At Durham Gilesgate Primary School, children we recognise the importance of learning a foreign language in order to prepare children for further stages of education and eventually employment within a global economy.

Our intent is to develop an interest in learning other languages in a way that is enjoyable and stimulating. We strive to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing necessary to enable children to use and apply their French learning in a variety of contexts and lay the foundations for future language learning.

Implementation

We follow the Durham County scheme of work and this ensures coverage and progression across Key Stage 2. Our French curriculum ensure that all pupils develop key language learning skills, as set out by the National Curriculum, as well as a love of languages and learning about other cultures.

Children are encouraged and supported to develop their speaking and listening skills through conversational work, singing activities and games. As confidence and skill grows, children record their work through pictures, captions and then in sentences. We use displays to remind children of key vocabulary. Practical activities, songs and games are used to help improve memory and recall and visual prompts are used to support children in translating new vocabulary.

Impact

In our school, we expect that the majority of children will achieve at age related standards in French at the end of each year. We recognise that some children may not achieve this standard but we will expect that they have made good progress from their starting point. We also recognise that some other children will exceed age related standards and we will have deepened learning for these children. Children's knowledge, understanding and skills will build progressively over time and this will be evidence in speaking and listening activities, assessments, display and through discussions with children.