



## Houghton School Foreign Language Policy

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At Houghton School every child throughout KS2 has the opportunity to study French as our chosen foreign language in accordance with the 2014 Primary Curriculum. We believe that learning a foreign language provides children with the opportunity to find out about other cultures, to recognise that people around the world communicate using different languages, and to encourage a curiosity of the world.

We aim to give our children the opportunity to:

- be successful, motivated language learners
- develop their linguistic skills, make progress and achieve
- develop a positive attitude to language learning
- develop an awareness and appreciation of cultural and linguistic diversity.
- develop their knowledge of a country

Within school we have devised our own scheme of work and included some QCA units to enable all KS2 children to learn French through meaningful experiences whilst enhancing their knowledge of France. Every KS2 class has an hours lesson each week which is followed by further daily opportunities during the week for the children to practise and re-enforce the vocabulary from the key lesson.

The children are taught to:

- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes
- engage in conversations by asking and answering questions
- speak in sentences using familiar vocabulary and phrases
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in French

## Planning

We have developed our long term plan which works on a two-year rolling programme. From this we have our medium term plans which identifies the learning objectives, activities, resources and vocabulary for each lesson.

Long term:

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Lower Key Stage 2 Year 1	'La Belle France.' (Landmarks of Paris)	'A la Maison'. (Some traditional French food.)	'Des Magasins' (French shops, fashion.)
Lower Key Stage 2 Year 2	'Jeux et chansons' (French games, entertainment, songs)	'Moi' (All about me)	'Au Restaurant'. (More traditional French meals.)
Upper Key Stage 2 Year 1	Salut Serge! 'Vive le sport' (Food, family and leisure)	Salut Serge! 'Quel temp fait-il?' 'Le Carnaval des animaux' (Weather, animals and colour)	'Le Pique-nique'. (Prepare, take out and enjoy!)
Upper Key Stage 2 Year 2	'Les beaux Arts'. (French painters, sculptors, musicians and stories)	'La Belle France'. (Famous buildings, cities, countryside, resorts.)	'L'argent de poche' (Numbers, expressions, Euro, radio/TV advert) 'On fait la fete' (Celebrations)

## Assessment

We assess the children's work in French while listening to them. Staff record the progress made by children against the learning objectives for each lesson which informs the planning of future work.