

# French

According to the new National Curriculum (2014) 'learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures.' At Sandhurst we believe that learning a foreign language is an important aspect of the children's learning and believe that it can help to raise awareness of the multi-cultural and multi lingual world we live in. The teaching of a Modern Foreign Language is embedded into our curriculum at Sandhurst Primary School.



We want to ensure every child at Sandhurst primary School has a real opportunity to learn a foreign language. We are lucky to have a native French teaching assistant and use an award winning programme, Language Angels to assist the delivery of our lessons.

We aim to ensure that pupils of all abilities develop solid foundations in these key language learning skills - properly preparing them for the next stage of their language learning journey. These skills will develop children's ability to understand what they hear and read and enable them to express themselves in speech and writing. We will extend their knowledge of how language works and explore the similarities and differences between the foreign language they are learning and English.

This helps to strengthen their sense of identity through learning about culture in other countries and comparing it with their own.

Finally, we have a link via the Sandhurst twinning society with a school in Heuringhem that we visit.

We also take our children in Years 5 and 6 on a French Residential trip, every two years to the KCC centre at Harelot, to immerse them in French culture.

The National Curriculum for languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases
- present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language

