



## The Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum at Balderstone



### **Aims of MFL at Balderstone:**

The aim of MFL at Balderstone St Leonard's is to develop a greater understanding of the people and places that make up God's world and inspire the children to communicate with those whose language is different from their own. We will build the basic language skills for our children to communicate with French speakers and inspire them to discover a different culture and society. We aim to instil a love of language and vocabulary that they can use to relate to their own spoken languages and development of vocabulary.



### **Rooted in our Christian values....**

Through MFL our pupils are given opportunities to show their love of learning, love of God and love of each other as they discover a new language that they can use to communicate with others and develop an understanding of how this can form communities and friendships. By learning a new language, we can also celebrate the languages that are spoken in our own lives and share these languages with everyone in our school community. Together we can acknowledge and respect the importance of language within our cultures and backgrounds and how this is reflected in our daily lives.

We aim to develop the children's confidence to speak clearly, play with language and vocabulary, and enhance their pronunciation. Through practical experiences, we encourage the children to work together, to listen to each other and, through making mistakes and improving, to develop their language skills. We aim to nurture good listening skills in our children and to respect the right for everyone's language and views to be heard. Through the written word, we aim to allow our children to read and write basic information to communicate with others including sharing their opinions. In learning a language, we hope that our children will reach out and see the world as a place to explore, meet new friends and make connections across the globe.



### **Flourishing for all....**

Across our whole school family, there is a focus in MFL on acquiring a basic knowledge of French and instilling a love of languages. Our teaching of French allows all children to experiment with words and sounds, listen carefully to everyone around them and collaborate with others to enhance their understanding of the language.

Lesson design and implementation in MFL focuses on listening carefully to sounds, words and phrases, communicating to others using this new vocabulary and constructing conversations and sentences using their new phonic skills and the grammatic structures learnt. We work towards good pronunciation and fluency for all in the basic vocabulary and phrases that we teach.



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### **Overview....**

The MFL curriculum at Balderstone covers all requirements of the National Curriculum. In our teaching we have used the TDA scheme of work as a starting point and have adapted this to meet our school and pupils' needs. Our teaching is supported by a focus on a progression that builds on the stem of learning from previous years. We use the Lancashire assessment documents to support this progression through school.

We aim to bring the French language alive through conversations, songs, stories and experiences. Our school community welcomes all different languages and we celebrate and share in this diversity. We give the children the opportunity to hear other languages being spoken within our wider community. Through our language teaching, we aim to develop curious minds who want to reach out to others, to communicate and build communities across God's amazing world.