

Curriculum Intent

MFL

“One language sets you in a corridor for life, two languages opens every door along the way.” – Frank Smith

<p>Why should children learn this subject?</p>	<p>Learning a foreign language provides an opening to other cultures and deepens children’s understanding of the world. Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask. Children proficient in other languages also show signs of enhanced creativity and mental flexibility. Learning one other language at primary school provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.</p>
<p>What will children learn to do in this subject?</p>	<p>At Brackenwood Junior School, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen 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. • Engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others. • Speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures. • Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation. • Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language. • Broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary. • Describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing. • Understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied.
<p>How will we inspire them?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach through games, group activities and conversation. • Give children opportunities to talk and write about their own lives and preferences. • Give learning a practical purpose. Children can apply their language skills if on holiday. • Share stories in French. • Sample French food.
<p>Local and Cultural Links</p>	<p>French afternoon, learning about French culture Chester zoo – animals Describe local area</p>