

Spotlight on...



French

At St Anthony's, we are all linguists. Nurturing a love for languages fosters pupils' curiosity and deepens their knowledge of the world, with the intent to equip them with the knowledge and skills to possibly study and work in other countries.

The National Curriculum states that children should start learning a language in Year 3; however, we utilise an external company, Junior Jam, who come into school once a week to teach French lessons to all children from Year 1 upwards. These lessons are delivered by a native French speaker, and are taught in line with our own French curriculum. In Year 3, the children begin to learn French with their class teachers in addition to the Junior Jam sessions, and this continues throughout our primary school journey. We learn about French speaking countries, customs and traditions which encourages and deepens our understanding of the world. We also learn French phrases and develop basic conversational skills.

This year's' focus...

This year we are learning to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity. Children partake in class discussions, ask questions and work in groups and pairs to work on improving their accuracy in pronunciation. To engage the children, we use stories, songs and games that are familiar to them.

As always, we have had a very busy term...

In Year 3, we have been naming foods and practising café role play. We have also been naming members of our family and asking and answering questions about animals and pets.

*Qu'est-ce que c'est?
C'est un lapin.*



In Year 4, we have been learning the names of shops and items that we might buy such as fruit and vegetables. We have also been learning about French speaking countries, the continents and some animal names in French.

*Où puis-je acheter du pain ?
Vous pouvez l'acheter à la
boulangerie.*



In Year 5, we have been learning vocabulary for food and drinks and expressing our likes and dislikes.

J'aime le chocolat.

In Year 6, we have been discussing shopping, directions and modes of transport, along with practising conjugating the verb 'aller' (to go).

*Je vais au supermarché
en voiture.*



Pupil Voice



"I like how we learn to speak French and how sometimes you can work out what French words mean in English just by looking at them." - Nfemi, Y4

"I have been learning lots of new vocabulary that sometimes can be very confusing but fun to pronounce. I enjoy it as I am learning so many new things. I especially enjoyed learning about food." - Faith, Y3



"I like learning about how different people say different words in different languages." - Jimmi, Y4



"I enjoy learning French because I get to know how other people communicate in the world. I enjoyed learning about pets as I could tell my friends all about my own dog but in French." - Maisie, Y3

