



## Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Statement of Intent

Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. The teaching of MFL at Springfield, fosters pupils' curiosity and deepens their understanding of the world. It enables pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing. It also provides opportunities for pupils to communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language.

The modern foreign language taught at Springfield is French. We incorporate the statutory requirements of the National Curriculum, alongside other opportunities and experiences. These include playing interactive learning games, visitors to school, celebrating French week and other engaging experiences that aim to immerse pupils in key events.

French is underpinned by 'Language Angels' schemes of work. These units are planned and sequenced progressively, introduce new vocabulary to pupils, allowing them the opportunity to apply, consolidate and build on this as each unit progresses. Pupils are initially taught the core vocabulary to ensure that they have a secure understanding of basic words and phrases. This knowledge base is then extended, allowing pupils to expand their recognition of French vocabulary, subsequently leading them to apply this to conversations and written tasks.

In Key Stage 1, Pupils 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 and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words

In Key Stage 2, pupils are taught to:

- engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help
- speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- 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
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing

At Springfield Primary Academy, we believe that learning a modern foreign language provides the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to explore further study and work in other countries.