

The member of staff responsible for French is Miss Davies.

What?

At Dovecotes Primary School, we have high expectations for all our children to become confident, life-long language learners. Many of our children already have English as an additional Language and we believe that learning a foreign language is a valuable and necessary skill given the multi-cultural society that we live in. We intend to ignite a passion and love for learning languages and have designed our French curriculum with the intent of giving our children a well-rounded knowledge of listening, writing, speaking and reading in French. In Lower Key Stage 2, the children focus more heavily upon building speaking and listening skills so that they can engage in and understand simple conversations (including asking and answering questions), as well as present to an audience, and in Upper Key Stage 2 they develop reading and writing skills so that they begin to read with expression and understand relevant points in simple texts and also develop their abilities to write longer sentences and shorter paragraphs, using basic grammar correctly.

How Dovecotes Primary School's Languages curriculum promotes our core values:

Be Ambitious - To ensure all children have the opportunity to learn a new language, regardless of ability or background. For our pupils to consider the use of languages in later life to support their work, study and travel.

Be Honest – To recognise that learning a new language is difficult. To be inquisitive about the French language, challenging their own understanding and pronunciation asking for help when necessary.

Be Kind – To develop an appreciation and respect for the culture in the country of which the language is spoken.

Be Creative - To begin to use new language creatively and spontaneously, reading, understanding and appreciating poems, songs and stories.

Be Brave - To build confidence and resilience in speaking words and sentences in French with accurate pronunciation and intonation.

Be Healthy – To appreciate that understanding language is one of the hardest things your brain does, making it the ultimate brain exercise to keep your mind sharp and healthy.