

Graiseley Primary School Curriculum



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French/MFL

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Vision:

*"To develop children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world
where they see themselves as successful linguists." Kapow 23*

Intent:

Through our French curriculum at Graiseley Primary School, we aim to instil a life-long love of language learning and an awareness and understanding of other cultures. We want our children to develop the confidence to communicate in French for practical purposes, and through our chosen scheme of work, we aim to give pupils a foundation for language learning that encourages and enables them to apply their skills to learning further languages as they progress into secondary school and beyond. We also aim for our French curriculum to help children develop a strong understanding of the English language, facilitating future study and opening opportunities to study and work in other countries in the future.

Implementation:

At Graiseley we have chosen to use the updated 2023 version of Kapow Primary as our chosen program for delivering the modern foreign languages curriculum to KS2. To achieve the progress required within the three strands of Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar set out by the National Curriculum the Kapow French scheme of work is designed with six strands that run throughout. These are:

- Speaking and pronunciation
- Listening
- Reading and writing
- Grammar
- Intercultural understanding
- Language detective skills

Our long-term curriculum map shows when each unit is taught, and our skills and knowledge progression document show the skills and knowledge that are taught within each year group and how these skills develop to ensure that attainment targets are securely met by the end of Key Stage 2.

Through Kapow Primary's French scheme, pupils are given opportunities to communicate for practical purposes around familiar subjects and routines. The scheme provides balanced opportunities for communication in both spoken and written French, beginning with oral skills. The Kapow Primary scheme is a spiral curriculum, with key skills and vocabulary revisited repeatedly with increasing complexity, allowing pupils to revise and build on their previous learning. Cross-curricular links are included throughout our French units, allowing children to make connections and apply their language skills to other areas of their learning such as the Space theme, Olympics, Art

Lessons incorporate a range of teaching strategies from independent tasks, paired and group work including role-play, language games and language detective work. Our scheme of work focuses on developing what we term 'language detective skills' and developing an understanding of French grammar, rather than on committing to memory vast amounts of French vocabulary. Differentiated guidance is available for every lesson to ensure that lessons can be accessed and enjoyed by all. In order to help pupils retain their French learning, we provide information about how to incorporate French into the classroom environment every day.

Impact:

French is taught and timetabled for 40 mins each week of every term at Graiseley Primary. It is only taught to KS2. Our skills progression document from Kapow helps to ensure that those who are older and have more experience of French learning can build on previous skills as they go through the key stage.

After the implementation of our curriculum using Kapow Primary, our children will leave Graiseley Primary equipped with a range of language-learning skills to enable them to study French, or any other language, with confidence at Key Stage 3.

Key MFL concepts explored and mastered overtime at Graiseley Primary:

- ask and answer questions;
- use correct pronunciation and intonation;
- memorise words;
- interpret meaning;
- understand basic grammar;
- use dictionaries;
- work in pairs and groups, and communicate in the other language;
- look at life in another culture, especially through a Focus Week enabling the whole school to be immersed in the inclusion of the culture and use the language meaningfully in context.

Training/Events and CPD for Subject Lead and Staff:

Meeting School Head- Mrs Humphries to discuss Kapow as new Scheme June 2023

Tracey Sheldon -University of Wolverhampton MFL consultant visit Nov 23- observations complete.