How is Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) taught at Paddox Primary School?



MFL Intent

In Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) at Paddox, we encourage our children to develop a passion for languages and to be inquisitive about the world around us.

Through the acquisition of in-depth knowledge and skills in languages, children are enabled to access the wider curriculum and to prepare them to be global citizens now, and in their future roles, within an international community.

It is the intention at Paddox for all children in KS2 to have access to first quality teaching of French, to develop confidence in oracy and written skills so each can become knowledgeable citizens of the world.



At Paddox we teach MFL using the Language Magnet Primary French Programme, which is delivered by a Specialist Teacher whose first language is French.

At the start of every lesson, previous learning is revisited to ensure it is fully embedded and the children are secure in their knowledge. This is known in school as a 'Boomerang'. There is a large focus on revisiting vocabulary previously taught and ensuring the children 'Learn More and Remember More'.

The children then acquire skills through a variety of interactive activities, including games, quizzes, videos, and song. New vocabulary is introduced and the children are given time to practise their Speaking and Listening skills along with correct pronunciation.

At the end of each lesson, the children are given time to reflect on what they have learned and practise applying their skills.



French is taught as a stand alone lesson each week for thirty to forty minutes.

Year 3:

Topics that are covered include:

- Greetings
- Colours
- Numbers 0 to 20
- Addition and Subtraction
- Age
- Countries of the World
- My country/My language
- Days of the Week

Year 4:

Topics that are covered include:

- The alphabet
- Numbers 20 to 40
- Telling the time
- Months of the year
- Birthdays
- · The weather
- Cultural awareness
- Classroom items and stationery



Year 5:

Topics that are covered include:

- Numbers 41 to 60
- Maths sums and problem solving
- Describing myself (height, hair colour, eye colour)
- Items of clothing
- Describing my bedroom
- Classroom items and prepositions
- Parts of the body

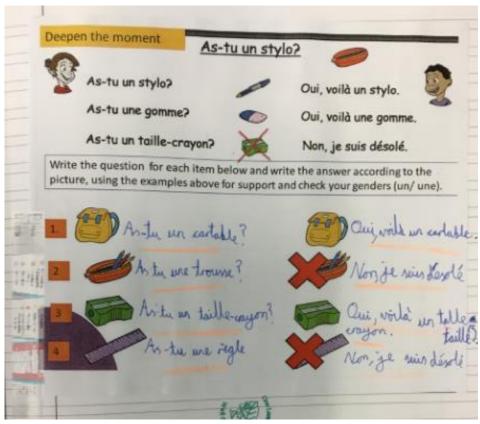
Year 6:

Topics that are covered include:

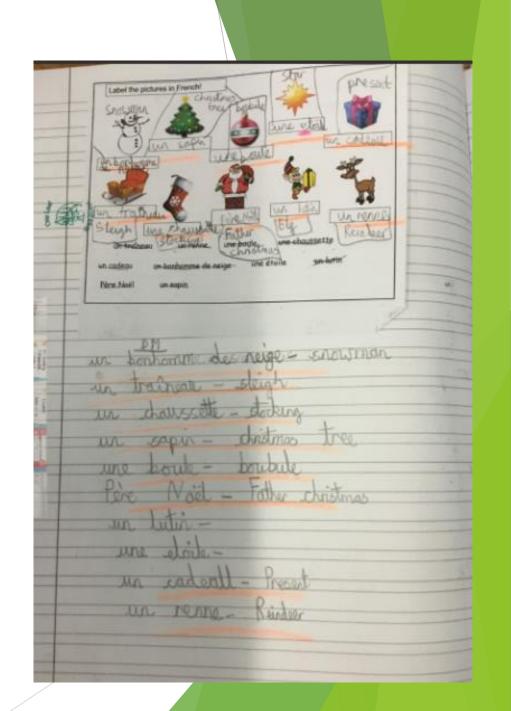
- Numbers 60 to 100
- Describing someone
- Sports and hobbies
- Weather and activities
- School subjects
- My holidays



Here are some examples of French work completed at Paddox:







MFL Impact

At Paddox, MFL is assessed at regular intervals throughout the academic year using a combination of teacher judgement, the use of *Pitstops;* which require the children to recall their prior knowledge, and through end of topic assessments.

We assess the children against the MFL DJE Attainment Targets which include:

- Listening attentively to spoken language and showing understanding by joining in and responding.
- Speaking in sentences using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.
- Reading carefully and showing an understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.
- Writing phrases from memory and describing people, places, things and actions in writing.

