



"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way." - Frank Smith

Bienvenue à l'école primaire de Wormholt Park!

Learning a modern foreign language is an added way to explore and open up to the world through a different linguistic lens. Many of our children already live in two languages and a third provides an extra opportunity to understand and communicate with more people. It opens yet another window onto a new culture and some of its specific traditions and ways of life: every new year we write New Year's cards as French people do, try our best to use French writing paper (some of us even practise French handwriting) or have fun playing 'Poisson d'avril'.

For many of our pupils, learning French can also become a celebration of their own home language as it is explicitly presented (historically and geographically) as one of the main world languages. Through the use of supporting pedagogical video clips and songs, pupils are exposed and introduced to a variety of accents. This supports and extends our pro-actively inclusive ethos which values and celebrates our school's rich linguistic and cultural diversity.

At Wormholt, our intent is to help pupils gain enough knowledge of French to understand and respond appropriately to its speakers, first in simple speech then in simple writing. We endeavour to provide practical opportunities to embed the spoken language in the daily life of the school, hoping to foster confidence and interest in learning languages, which will continue into secondary school and beyond. To that end, we also provide an MFL lending library with many 'talking books' relating to our topics.

Children in KS2 have dedicated French lessons during which a combination of skills is drawn upon in lessons that remain games and songs based: listening, speaking, reading and writing. More written activities including grammar are introduced and recorded in individual folders that will follow each learner to the end of the primary phase. The topics covered are extended greetings, numbers & colours, days of the week, months of the year; the weather, food and family.