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# French

At Newton Poppleford Primary School, we believe that all pupils should be given the opportunity to experience the joy of learning and speaking a different language. Therefore, our French teaching and curriculum endeavours to expose children to not just the French language, but also the different aspects of French culture. We hope to bring to life and teach children about French daily life, famous French people and places, French celebrations, music, poetry, games and cuisine. We deliver a curriculum based on the 'Lightbulb Languages' scheme of work. Our resources and assessment are drawn from Lightbulb languages, Primary Stars, books and own made resources and are, where possible, linked to the wider curriculum to support a cross-curricular approach.

Our curriculum is centred around 5 key areas:

<b>Oracy</b>	<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Intercultural understanding</b>	<b>Knowledge about language</b>	<b>Language learning strategies</b>
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Across a half termly unit of work, all these skills will be used in both isolation and tandem in order to create a deeper understanding of the language. During each lesson there will be a focus on listening and repeating, to enable children to become familiar with sounds and words. In KS2, there will be a gradual progression towards saying their own sentences using sentence builders, having conversations with peers, joining in with songs, poems and stories and even performing in front of an audience. By linking oracy with literacy, they will become more familiar with linking sounds to phonemes and spellings, and later be able to read and write words and sentences in French. Throughout these lessons, links will be made to English grammar and sentence structures to enable better understanding. Learning a language arouses children's interest and curiosity in their own identities and helps them to see the relationships between their lives and those of others. Therefore we focus on the linguistic diversity of our own school and find out where French is spoken. We discuss cultural differences, cultural celebrations, and aspects of daily life allowing children to compare attitudes of different cultures and reflect on the importance of developing tolerance and understanding between people.

At Newton Poppleford Primary School, we believe that learning a new language can be a gateway to new experiences, tolerance and understanding more about the world and cultures around us. We hope to equip our pupils with enthusiasm and curiosity so they can explore different languages and cultures in their future lives.

