

How will pupils build upon what they have learnt in Key Stage Two?

Based on the curricula from local primary schools, some (but not all) pupils will have studied a foreign language, most likely French or Spanish. Topics they may have covered include: basic introductions, numbers, days, months, colours, pets, alphabet..

Based on the KS2 national curriculum, primary pupils will have been introduced to a modern foreign language, possibly French but possibly not, and will have been provided an introduction to that language, including listening to spoken language and joining in by responding, learning the sounds and patterns of a new language through stories and songs, basic vocabulary, phrases and sentence structures, as well as the ability to express basic views.

Why do we teach our pupils a Modern Foreign Language?

The study of French, German or Spanish at Woodlands School offers the exciting opportunity for our pupils to immerse themselves in a different culture, open their eyes to the wider world around them and gain an invaluable life skill. We are proud to offer our pupils the chance to broaden their cultural horizons and increase their cultural capital.

Through the study of a Modern Foreign Language, Woodlands pupils will:

- Develop a nuanced **appreciation for foreign culture**, traditions and history.
- Instil a **love of language** and the **confidence to approach new languages**.
- Be inspired to **travel widely** and encouraged to take opportunities to travel, work and study abroad.
- Become **resilient to the demanding academic challenge** learning a new language poses.
- Learn to be **excellent communicators**, articulating their views on an array of subjects.
- Improve their **creative and analytical skills**, creating and responding to a wide variety of texts.
- Become **excellent listeners**, with discerning inference skills.
- Display **impressive social and interpersonal skills**, adapting to new contexts and new situations.
- Instil an **open-minded and forward-thinking** attitude towards the modern world.
- Be **highly employable** with many employers and universities citing the ability to speak a second language as a highly desirable skill.

What is the key knowledge pupils will gain in French at Woodlands?

KS3: at KS3, we offer a broad range of study closely aligned to the National Curriculum, including:

- ‘All about me’: details about one’s physical appearance, character, family and interests.
- ‘My views’: expressing one’s opinion on school subjects, foods, holidays.
- ‘Getting creative’: an exploration of Target Language songs, poems stories and letters, as well as the opportunity to create one’s own Target Language literary texts.
- The key grammatical structures and patterns of Target Language, including voices and moods, as well as regular and irregular verbs.
- Grammatical structures for the past, present and future tense.

KS4: at KS4, we have selected the Edexcel exam board, believing it to offer the widest-ranging topics that will be of interest to our pupils, whilst also providing an accessible style.

- All four language skills: listening, reading, writing and speaking.
- Identity and culture
- Local area, holiday and travel
- School
- Future aspirations, study and work
- International and global dimension
- Role-play, photo card and general conversation
- An extensive grammar and vocabulary list.

How will MFL at Woodlands prepare pupils for the future?

What opportunities are there to study this subject at Key Stage Five? Post-16 education providers in the local area such as Appleton School, Billericay School, King John School and the Southend grammar schools offer A-Level French, German and Spanish.

What will pupils study in MFL at A-Level? Pupils will study the core content of social issues and trends, political and artistic culture, as well as advanced grammar. They will also study a variety of French literary works, including both text and film.

How does this link with other subjects, at KS5 and beyond? All MFL subjects link well together, as well as English Literature, Linguistics, History, Politics, Business, Law, Economics Film Studies and Philosophy.

What employment opportunities are available relating to this subject? Some examples of careers that the study of French can lead to are: interpreter, teaching, journalism, the Diplomatic Service, internal aid/development worker, marketing executive, hospitality, education consultancy, finance and many more...