

**St Simon’s French Statement of Intent**

**Intent***Why do we teach this? Why do we teach it the way we do?*

At St Simon’s Catholic Primary School, we value French because we know French will foster pupils’ curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. It will enable children to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity. Children will discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in French. Children will read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing. Learning a language enable children to develop their working memory through writing phrases, and adapting these to create new sentences, expressing their ideas clearly. To provide children with the foundations for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

**Implementation***What do we teach? What does this look like?*

Our curriculum is shaped by our school vision, to STRIVE to be the best we can be for the Glory of God.

The aims of teaching French at St Simon’s Catholic Primary School are for:

* Understand and respond to spoken and written languages
* Exploring authentic sources
* Speaking with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity
* Communicating through discussion and asking questions
* Continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
* Developing ability to write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using a variety of grammatical structures
* Discovering and developing an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

In line with the National Curriculum, we ensure that children:

* Understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
* Speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation
* Can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt
* Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.

Our teaching and learning:

At St Simon’s Catholic Primary School, French plays an important part in school life. Every class in KS2 has regular French lessons.

**Impact***What will this look like?*

By the time children leave St Simon’s Catholic Primary School they will:

• Enjoy listening to and speaking in the language

• Listen and respond to familiar spoken words, phrases and sentences

• Communicate with others using simple words and phrases and short sentences

• Understand conventions such as taking turns to speak, valuing the contribution of others

• Use correct pronunciation in spoken work.

• Listen to and identify words and short phrases

• Communicate by asking and answering a wide range of questions

• Memorise and present a short text.

•Pick out some of the detail from short spoken passages

• Enjoy interacting even when they hear unfamiliar language

• Join in a short conversation

• Make a short presentation using a model.

• Listen to and understand the main points and some detail from a short spoken passage

• Give a presentation in a clear audible voice

• Converse briefly without prompts

• Enjoy listening and speaking confidently.

The integral nature of the French curriculum at St Simon’s creates rich opportunities for children to access fundamental skills including:

* A respect for **spiritual**, cultural and historic diversity.
* Being **trusted** when interacting and working with others.
* Increased **resilience** to continue trying and improving through a process of self-reflection.
* An **inquisitive** nature to explore new things and take risks.
* Being **valued** both individually and as part of a team.
* A sense of **exceptional** achievement.