

Modern Foreign Languages at St Paul's

As an International School, learning about other cultures and languages is very important to us. Our International Days always involve a languages experience, allowing students to use basic greetings and some key expressions.

In our specially designed, creative curriculum all of KS2 students study French for an hour per week. Lessons are taught within an immersive classroom, by a Language specialist, so that everyday language is acquired, both through normal classroom routines as well as the topic vocabulary.

A variety of songs and stories are used to make lessons engaging and support curriculum ties to Topic, Music and Literacy.

Students are formally assessed at the end of each term in brief tests in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. These provide information on progress but also help students build an understanding of exam technique that will support transition to secondary school.

Listening & Comprehension

Our pupils are taught to:

- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words

Speaking

Our pupils are taught to:

- engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help
- speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases
- present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences

Reading & Comprehension

Our pupils are taught to:

- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary

Writing

Our pupils are taught to:

- • write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- • describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing
- • understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.