



Together We Can

MFL

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

Intent

Our intent at St. Josephs is to underline and promote the vitally important role that foreign language plays in understanding how the world works in an increasingly globalised society and economy. We recognise Languages as a springboard, not just towards further study but also to aid our pupils in their journey to becoming well- rounded adults who can contribute positively in their local and global community. We will support the pupils to develop essential communication skills in a foreign language through the curriculum content and increase pupils' knowledge, application and skills. Our goal is for pupils to be passionate, curious and confident about their own foreign language learning abilities when they finish the primary school phase of their education.

Implementation

Our curriculum both reflects and learns from the diverse cultural mix of our school and community. We will also tackle difficult issues of communication in a different language by putting them in contact with French children from French schools which will give the pupils the opportunity to discuss, debate and show their knowledge.

Children receive high quality lessons, delivered by a qualified native speaking teacher. The Portuguese Embassy deliver and additional curriculum and extra activities for children to enhance the curriculum and use of:

Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing, Grammar

Impact

Our pupils progressively acquire, use and apply a growing bank of vocabulary, language skills and grammatical knowledge organised around age-appropriate topics and themes - building blocks of language into more complex, fluent and authentic language. Our pupils develop solid foundations in the key language learning skills, preparing them for the next stage of their language learning journey. These skills develop children's ability to understand what they hear and read and enable them to express themselves in speech and writing. They also learn about life in Portugal, make comparisons with British culture and customs. Our whole school approach to language teaching and learning is in line with the recommendations of the National Curriculum and the requirements outlined in the Department for Education Languages Programme for Study.

