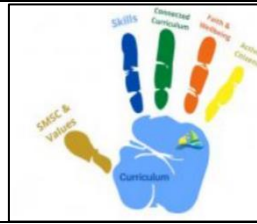




## Why French?



Faith and Wellbeing

### A message from Mrs Clarke, our Modern Foreign Languages lead:

French at Darlinghurst is interesting, stimulating and encourages a thirst for learning a language and preparing children for their language journey through life. We make lessons fun, engaging and interactive where all children can achieve their best. Every child can complete a lesson learning new and exciting vocabulary or even full sentences to have in conversations. We also strengthen their sense of identity through learning about the French culture. Our goal is for them to be passionate, curious and confident about their own foreign language learning abilities when they finish the primary school phase of their education.

### Design and Purpose

At Darlinghurst we use the scheme and resources from Language Angels to teach French in Key Stage 2. This is slightly adapted to meet the needs of our pupils and fit within our layered lesson approach. Each unit incorporates and develops progress in the 5 key language skills necessary for learning: Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing and grammar. They have clear, achievable objectives and incorporate different learning styles such as using videos, images, objects, verbal repetition, and words.

Our French lessons are designed to motivate, captivate, and interest children from the first moment so that they develop an appreciation of French. Our children will be able to understand and respond to both spoken and written French from a variety of sources such as books, extracts, and songs. As they progress through the school, they can speak with increasing confidence and fluency, communicating through discussion, asking questions and improving their pronunciation and intonation. Our children can write in French for different purposes, using the grammatical structures they have learnt.

Over the course of an academic year, these are the units the pupils will be completing.

#### **Year 3**

I am Learning to  
Musical Instruments  
Fruits

#### **Year 4**

Presenting Myself  
My Family  
My Classroom

#### **Year 5**

Do you have a Pet?  
What is the Date?  
Clothes?

#### **Year 6**

At School  
At the Weekend  
Me in the World.

## Difference

Our children increase their cognitive skills across other areas of learning through the development of learning a language.

Each Language Angel lesson begins by recapping previous words or phrases learnt through the interactive aspect of the programme. Teachers are able to click on sound buttons that 'say' the words giving the children the opportunity to repeat it back. This ensures children are exposed to and learn the correct pronunciation. A set of characters guide the rest of the lesson, helping pupils learn new vocabulary, building them into phrases, sentences, or even simple conversations. Each slide gives a visual representation, further aiding understanding. The lesson progresses onto showing the written form of the word alongside the sound buttons. Tasks then involve children writing down words and phrases supported by the visual element seen during the lesson.

Our children are equipped to be confident individuals as we challenge them to constantly develop their language skills in each of the 5 main learning areas.

French is embedded into everyday school life to consolidate knowledge and ensure new language is retained. This is done in several ways such as greetings as children come into class or using French numbers in maths.

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