

# Characteristics: We are Linguists!

**French**



At Orchard Primary School, we value the opportunity to develop oracy, literacy and intercultural understanding. Children progress through the year groups focusing on different topics and skills. Children can ask and answer topic related questions and eventually move onto conversational French. They are eventually able to express opinions with fluency, perform a short narrative and construct a letter to exchange with other French pupils. Children learn about the rich culture of France and other Francophonic countries. They compare daily routines and hobbies, looking at cultural similarities and differences. They also learn to challenge stereotypes and make links both between English and French culture and language.

Aims:

- to be inquisitive about the French language
- to appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- to express their feelings and thoughts in French in speech and sometimes in writing
- to speak French with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity
- to improve the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation in French
- to develop an appreciation of writing in French

At Orchard, we are linguists. We:

- listen attentively to spoken language in French and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of the French language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- engage in conversations in French; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help
- speak in sentences, using familiar French vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation in French so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases
- present ideas and information orally in French to a range of audiences
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing in French
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the French language
- write phrases from memory in French and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- understand basic grammar appropriate to the French language being studied

### **Learning Opportunities in Key Stage 2**

- Pupils can express their ideas and thoughts in French and understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and in writing
- Pupils can communicate for practical purposes, learn new ways of thinking and read great literature in the original language
- Pupils can understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources
- Pupils can understand the basic grammar of French – age related
- Pupils can use and understand feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high frequency verbs and apply them in speech and writing
- Pupils can develop accurate French pronunciation and intonation so that wider audiences can clearly understand them
- Pupils can engage in extended conversations, ask and answer questions, express opinions and seek clarification
- Pupils can write at an increasing length and with increasing accuracy and for a clear purpose