



Thurston CE
Primary Academy

Modern Foreign Languages SMSC Statement

Spiritual

Our MFL curriculum supports spiritual development by teaching pupils to accept and embrace other languages and cultures. Pupils are encouraged to be empathetic to the cultures, beliefs and traditions of others and stereotypes are challenged where necessary. This gives them the opportunity to consider 'identity' and what it means to them and others. Pupils explore emotions through language, reflect on different uses of language and they are often given the opportunity to use their imagination and creativity in groups and pair work. During French lessons, children learn about French religious festivals, such as 'Pâques' (Easter), Noël (Christmas) and 'La Fête des Rois' (Three Kings Day).

Moral

Stereotypes and intolerance are challenged through the teaching of language and culture.

Our MFL curriculum affords pupils opportunities to explore moral issues through a range of listening, reading, writing and speaking activities. It supports moral development by encouraging pupils to show empathy and understanding of different countries. MFL encourages respect for others' cultures and languages and it promotes trust and fairness.

Social

Our MFL curriculum supports social development by encouraging children to work proactively and co-operatively in pairs and groups. Classes are encouraged to experiment with language and learn from their mistakes. There is a supportive environment in MFL classes where mistakes are seen as learning opportunities, rather than as failures. Independence and self-esteem is nurtured and success is celebrated in and out school by using positive feedback from teacher and peers. MFL promotes self-esteem by developing pupils' confidence; pupils are encouraged to: try new things including performing in front of their peers which promotes appreciation and support and they work as part of a team. During our annual MFL Day, the children often feedback in Collective Worship and discuss their learning. They have also eaten French food together and enjoyed new experiences.

Cultural

Cultural development and cultural awareness are fundamental in language learning at Thurston CE Primary Academy. Exploration of language and culture is crucial to language learning, whether through lessons or MFL Days. Our MFL Day display reminds children of their learning and cultural experiences. Pupils are encouraged to embrace 'difference' at all stages of their linguistic development and accept ideas which may be different to them. Pupils are encouraged to discuss and challenge stereotypes within a national and international context. In Collective Worships, we celebrate cultural diversity and explore similarities and differences from around the world.

You will never have this day again so, with the guidance of God, make it count!