



Le Francais

Pourquoi?

Learning a foreign language opens a window on the world and an insight into other cultures. The teaching should enable pupils to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both orally and through correspondence.

At St. Peter's we aim to instil a love of languages from an early age. We value the importance of MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) as an enriching life-skill which promotes diversity. Pupils learn about different cultures and gain an understanding of how we are all interconnected and can learn so much from one another.



Virtual meeting with French pen pals

Comment est- il enseigne?

We teach French from Y1 through to Y6. Underpinning our teaching is an interactive programme which focuses on the four key skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. Language acquisition is inclusive and taught so that pupils at all ability levels can make good progress. Pupils who are sometimes challenged by the core subjects often excel in French because there is less formal recording and many different ways of accessing the language.

Through KS1, children learn basic skills through songs and games. In KS2 learning is extended through grammar and writing. From Y3, the children learn to introduce themselves confidently and secure the key skills so that they are able to write to French pen

pals in Y5 and Y6 (and occasionally Y4) and put their spoken language into practice through regular zoom links with exchange schools. We have two KS2 teachers who are fluent French speakers which ensures that standards are high.

We celebrate French Day annually; an immersive whole-school curriculum day when children have an opportunity to speak French and to deepen their cultural understanding of France and French-speaking countries, through art, drama, geography and history. Our French and Japanese after-school clubs provide further opportunities to communicate with native speakers and appreciate other cultures through cookery, games and creative arts.

L'effet

Pupils leave St. Peter's with a basic, practical knowledge of the French language and French culture. A natural outcome is to want to find out more about different peoples, their culture and language. St Peter's pupils have the foundations to continue and succeed in French or another language at secondary school. Some will go further and study languages at a higher level and use their language skills in the global workplace.

Japanese Club

