

OUR VISION

Languages and Intercultural Understanding

Children learn through practical and interactive activities which develop their language skills and foster insight, understanding and empathy with other cultures.

Learning a language in our school is about enabling children to express their ideas and thoughts in another language and to understand and respond to others through speech and writing. The main language taught at Sebert Wood is **French**. Children are taught weekly in Key Stage Two with the support of an interactive programme which focuses on practical communication and allows them to listen, repeat and practice pronunciation. Children develop grammar and vocabulary across a wide range of topics (introductions, numbers, animals, body parts, clothing, hobbies, weather, directions and sports) which is reinforced through practical activities. Children consolidate knowledge of grammatical structures through a series of written activities which develop across Key Stage Two. In Key Stage One, the children learn greetings, to answer the register and take part in reading activities in other languages. Frequent opportunities arise for the children to learn language during topics or through special themed days.

WHY?

Apart from the acquisition of a skill, and preparation for secondary school and beyond, learning a language and developing understanding of other cultures encourages individuals to recognise similarities and differences and cultivates respect.

"IF YOU TALK TO A MAN IN A LANGUAGE HE UNDERSTANDS, THAT GOES TO HIS HEAD. IF YOU TALK TO HIM IN HIS LANGUAGE, THAT GOES TO HIS HEART."
~NELSON MANDELA

