



# Languages at Danbury Park Community Primary School

At Danbury Park Community Primary School we teach French as the Languages aspect of the National Curriculum.

French is taught to all pupil from the Early Years Foundation Stage though to Year 6 and each class has a weekly timetabled lesson. At Danbury Park School we believe that children are entitled to high quality teaching of languages and so the lessons are prepared and delivered by specialist outside providers who are native French speakers.

## **French in EYFS**

We start teaching French when children first join the school so that they are able to develop an early love of languages. We do this through songs and games to develop a feel for the sounds and structure of French. We concentrate on good pronunciation and flow.

## **French in Key Stage 1**

In Key Stage 1 the emphasis is still on learning through songs, rhymes and games so that the children build on their conversational skills and are able to introduce themselves, count and ask and answer simple questions.

We begin to introduce written recording so that the children develop an understanding of how the sounds in French are written and so that they begin to read and write simple sentences and questions.

## **French in Key Stage 2**

By the time the children start Year 3 they have a good foundation in French and are confident to speak with each other. Throughout the four years in Key Stage 2 the children build up their vocabulary, their understanding of grammar and are able to write short paragraphs.

We have also established a partnership with our local secondary school and each year the children in Year 6 take part in a series of lessons where they are taught Spanish by Year 9 students. The children enjoy these session and can apply what they have learnt in French to learning Spanish.

## **Clubs**

At Danbury Park Community Primary School the children have access to two lunchtime clubs where they can practise and develop further their knowledge and understanding of French and also where they can learn Spanish. The French club is operated by the same teacher who teaches French to Class Jay and who is a Learning Support Assistant at the school and the Spanish club is operated by a native Spanish speaker. Both are also parents of children at the school.