Subject: Modern Foreign Language – French

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Balksbury Federation will use The continual globalisation of the work and resources to ensure lusing a wide variety of topics and that once themes, and will cover all areas of the National Curriculum Modern Foreign Languages Programme other benefits including of Study.

Intent

The expectations for the French curriculum is that all children reach their full potential through high expectations of children being able to continue to study French, or another modern foreign language beyond Key Stage 2.

Content will be updated and reviewed annually to ensure that the programme of study is the best it can be.

The core language learning skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing will be taught alongside phonics and grammar, which will be covered in an age

Language Angels scheme of world's economy is bringing diverse cultures and communities into more there is a relevant, broad, vibrant frequent contact with each other. The and ambitious French curriculum. lease of global travel and the internet This will inspire children through have collapsed the barrier of distance kept the world's communities separate. Learning another language also provides many greater academic achievement, greater cognitive development, and more positive attitudes towards other languages and cultures.

Research links

https://www.actfl.org/

The field of second language acquisition (SLA) is by nature of its subject a highly interdisciplinary area of research. Learning a (foreign) language, for example, involves encoding new words, consolidating and committing them to long-term memory, and later retrieving them. All of these processes have direct parallels in the domain of human memory and have been thoroughly studied by researchers in that field.

Lessons will have access to a high Using Language Angels, which has aualitv curriculum. These will develop progressively children's knowledge and skills through well planned lessons. These will start within the last part of Year 2 and move into Key skills from previous stages. This will Stage 2, Year 3 through to Year 6.

Implementation

Children will progressively acquire and apply a growing bank of vocabulary, Children will be assessed on their language knowledge organised around age- of each unit for speaking, listening, appropriate topics and themes - building blocks of language into more complex, fluent and authentic language. Lessons offer appropriate levels of challenge to build knowledge and enthusiasm.

The curriculum is organised into different Above all, Balksbury Federation stages:

Introduction to French (end of Year 2) Early Language (Year 3) Intermediate (Year 4 & 5) Advanced (Year 5 into Year 6)

essons will have clearly defined They will be objectives and aims. supported by interactive resources to include speaking and listening tasks. There will be challenge sections and

been designed by language experts, guarantees learning and challenge within units at each stage, and requires application of knowledge and enable children to form opinions and justifications.

Impact

skills and grammatical learning. This will happen at the end reading and writing and is in line with the DfE Languages Programme of Study for Key Stage 2. Assessment is monitored by the French Curriculum Leader.

> wants their children to enjoy learning French and show enthusiasm for The federation wishes learning. children as Balksbury Citizens to have a natural curiosity to explore new languages and cultures.

enable children to use and apply foundations for future learning.

It is an aim of the federation that through the French curriculum, children will foster a positive curiosity about French and become a life long learner of the language, or another modern foreign language.

appropriate manner. This will Bridging the Gap Between Second Language Acquisition Research and their learning in a variety of Memory Science: The Case of contexts which will lay down solid Foreign Language Attrition; (Anne Mickan, James M. McQueen and Kristin Lemhöfer.

written activities which are differentiated to support different groups of children.

Reading and writing activities will be offered in all units of work; these are differentiated for all groups of children. Activities will contain more text and lessons will have more content as the children become more confident with learning French.

Every unit will have grammar integrated which will increase in complexity as children move through the different stages.