Barrow CE School MFL (French) Curriculum Map and Skills Progression



Barrow CE School MFL (French) Statement of Intent

Our intent is to develop a passion for language learning and cultural awareness, building a strong foundation in French vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. By using Twinkl's Lightning Languages resources, we aim to create a supportive, engaging, and progressive curriculum tailored to mixed-age groups. Pupils will develop the confidence to communicate in French through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities.

We aim to:

- Foster curiosity about languages and other cultures.
- Provide a progression of key linguistic skills suitable for mixed-age learners.
- Equip students with language-learning strategies that prepare them for future education, travel opportunities
- Develop their understanding and appreciation of different cultures to become lifelong language learners and true global citizens.

Barrow CE School MFL (French) implementation

The Twinkl Lightning Languages resources are used to ensure structured progression across key language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Teaching Strategies

- 1. Mixed-Age Class Grouping:
 - o Years 3-4 focus on introducing and embedding foundational vocabulary, simple sentence construction, and pronunciation.

- Years 5-6 build on foundational skills, introducing more complex grammar, extended writing, and conversational fluency.
- o Collaborative learning opportunities across ages are leveraged, where older pupils mentor younger peers during shared tasks.

2. Lesson Structure:

- Listening & Speaking (Core Skills): Lessons begin with audio-based vocabulary and short phrases, incorporating repetition and role-play.
- Reading & Writing (Extended Skills): Resources are differentiated to include activities like matching words to pictures for Years 3-4 and sentence-building or short story writing for Years 5-6.
- Games & Songs: Reinforce vocabulary and improve retention.
- Cultural Connections: Explore Francophone countries to develop intercultural understanding.

3. Weekly Plans by Year Group

- Years 3-4: Introduction to greetings, numbers, colours, family, and school vocabulary.
- Years 5-6: Revisiting key topics with added grammar (e.g., verb conjugation), creating extended sentences, and practicing dialogues.

4. Assessment Methods:

- o Formative assessment through games, quizzes, and verbal recall.
- Summative assessment tasks aligned with Twinkl Lightning Languages objectives, e.g., writing a letter, creating a dialogue, or completing a comprehension task.

Barrow CE School MFL (French) Impact

Pupils will leave Barrow CE Primary school with:

• A strong foundation in basic French vocabulary and grammar.

- The ability to hold simple conversations, read basic texts, and write short passages in French.
- An appreciation for Francophone cultures and the confidence to learn additional languages.

Evidence of impact includes:

- High engagement and participation during lessons.
- Pupils demonstrating progression in their skills through differentiated tasks.
- Confidence and enthusiasm in using French during paired activities or performances.

Progression Map

Skill	Oak Class	Willow Class
SKIII	Years 3-4 (Introduction)	Years 5-6 (Consolidation)
Listening	Recognize key sounds, words, and simple phrases.	Understand longer sentences and follow simple instructions.
Speaking	Use simple words and phrases (e.g., greetings, counting).	Create and perform dialogues using correct pronunciation.
Reading	Match written words to visuals, read aloud simple sentences.	Read and comprehend short passages and identify key details.
Writing	Copy and write single words or short phrases.	Write longer sentences and short paragraphs, using prompts.
Grammar	Introduction to gendered nouns and basic sentence structure.	Apply verb conjugations and adjective agreement in sentences.

This progression map ensures an effective balance between repetition and challenge, enabling pupils to achieve their full potential in language learning.

• Due to the introduction of a new scheme of learning, Willow Class (Yrs 5-6) will follow Year 3-4 section of progression map during 2024-25 academic Year.





and prepare them for transition to key stage 3.

Lightning Languages will provide children with a wide range of skills-based opportunities to meet the national curriculum expectations in French or Spanish (reading, writing, speaking, listening) as well as show progression in the three pillars of language learning and develop cultural capital across the units. As Lightning Languages is a flexible and modular scheme, the following list is indicative and not exhaustive.

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2		Reading							
Pupils should be taught to: • read carefully and show	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
understanding of words, phrases and simple writing; appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language; broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.	Recognise a familiar simple response. Match pictures to far Follow a simple story in French/Spanish ar understanding. Begin to use simple v flashcards and word Flashcards and word Recognise and understanding.	question and give a miliar words. r, song, rhyme or poem nd join in to show risual aids e.g.	reading text. Be able to guess the in a text. Follow along with a s listening and reading Demonstrate unders phrases containing f simple texts and store. Answer simple quest have read. Read simple texts an and with others. Understand some we story or poem. Understand the gist of familiar language. Begin to use reference.	short texts. the main points from a meaning of a new word short text while g at the same time. It anding of words and familiar language in ries. tions about what they and stories on their own ords or phrases in a	range of contexts. Understand the mair of a text. Use context clues to of a new word in a text. Confidently follow at while listening and retime. Demonstrate unders phrases containing a unfamiliar language stories. Answer a range of quithey have read. Read a variety of sho different formats an on their own and with	short texts in a wider n points and key details work out the meaning ext. long with a short text eading at the same standing of words and a mix of familiar and in simple texts and uestions about what ort simple texts in d in different contexts h others. ords or phrases in a e able to use context familiar language. of a story containing a infamiliar language. and visual aids to			

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2	Writing							
Pupils should be taught to:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
 write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly; describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing. 	With support, experir familiar simple words Begin to use simple will flashcards and word writing.	s in French/Spanish. risual aids e.g.	Write some familiar model and some from the some familiar languary. Use reference tools of from familiar languary. Write a few sentence using increasingly and the sentence of some sentence of sen	ing a model. entences from to help build sentences age. es about themselves ccurate language. es some information omething else. ag familiar language. es in writing. esonjunctions like 'and' ager sentences. s through substituting and phrases to build	knowledge of words Use reference tools from familiar and un Look up new words reference tool to use Write a few sentence and others using inclanguage and fluence Use a model or sent write more detailed is someone or someth Use sentence-building new sentences using mix of familiar and use use more adjectives people, places and touse conjunctions like.	es from memory, using text and structure. It to help build sentences familiar language. It them in their writing. It them in their writing. It is about themselves treasingly accurate by. It is a conjunction about ing else. In group to describe hings. It is a conjunction and a sunfamiliar language. It is myriting to describe hings. It is a conjunction and a seed frequency to make the substituting words.		

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2		Speaking						
Pupils should be taught to:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
 engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help; speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures; develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases; present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences. 	Repeat modelled worphrases. Join in to accompany stories. Recognise a familiar simple response. Name some key work	r familiar songs and question and give a	Communicate with of words and phrases. Repeat modelled wo Pronounce familiar vicorrectly. Ask and answer a quitopic. Take part in a short of familiar language. Give some details abstrench/Spanish. Say some information something else. Express an opinion. Present information group. Speak in simple sent understood by others. Talk about daily routi Express simple ideas words. Seek help and clarific	rds and sentences. vords and phrases estion on a familiar conversation using out themselves in on about someone or to a partner or a small tences that can be s. ines in the classroom. s through substituting	Communicate with orange of words and personal search words and personal search with increasing accurate with a search with increasing accurate with increasing accurate with increasing accurate with increasing with increasing accurate with increasing with increasing accurate with increasing accurate with increasing with increasing with increasing accurate with increasing wit	chrases. centences in French/ to model to others. cand unfamiliar words iracy. Inge of simple cashort conversation. Information about inge of opinions. Information about ingelse. Itions to build more Intation on a familiar small group using ind phrases. Ithat can be understood asing accuracy and Information about daily room. It is spontaneously to		

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2			Liste	ening		
Pupils should be taught to: Isten attentively to	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding; explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words; appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.	Listen actively to work French/Spanish thro language, songs, sto and rhymes. Begin to notice similar between some words and English. Respond to simple in accompanied by visu. Join in with actions to songs, stories and with songs, stories and with simple phrases. Recognise and under and very simple phrases. Recognise and under and very simple phrases. Show some understay words and phrases.	ugh play, classroom ries, poems, games arities and differences in French/Spanish astructions which are tall clues. To accompany familiar ords. To delled words and arstand some words ses when someone is Spanish.	French/Spanish. Understand some of someone is speaking. Answer simple ques someone has said. Listen for specific was sounds. Listen and respond to conversations. Listen to a story, son follow the text. Join in with a song, pure the conversation of the story of poem. Understand some was story or poem. Understand the gister familiar language.	erstand familiar words omeone is speaking in free main points when g in French/Spanish. It ions about what ords, phrases or to short, predictable ag, poem or rhyme and coem or rhyme. Is standing of words and familiar language in its.	Recognise and under and unfamiliar words speaking in French/S Understand the mair opinions when some French/Spanish. Answer a range of quesomeone has said. Understand longer a phrases or sentence. Listen and respond to Listen and respond to Confidently follow the Confidently join in with the Confidently join join in with the Confidently join join in with the Confidently join join join join join join join join	Spanish. In points and simple cone is speaking in uestions about what uestions about what and more complex is. It is short conversations. If ig, poem or rhyme and the text. It is a song, poem or standing of words and a mix of familiar and in various listening and phrases in a story or of a story containing

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2	Phonics							
Pupils should be taught to: • explore the patterns	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words; develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases.		om language, songs, es and rhymes. arities and differences rns in French/Spanish	French/Spanish. Pronounce familiar vacorrectly. Attempt to pronounce Recognise a range of French/Spanish. Recognise that acced can change the pronounce of	ce new words correctly. If different sounds in Ints or certain spellings Inciation of a word. In show when they are In the teacher or friends	a word. Adapt their voice and when they are asking conveying an emotion. Be clearly understoom friends when reading. Become more aware connections in soun. Read words, phrases.	to model to others. familiar and unfamiliar correctly and ds and phrases with easing accuracy. ange of different eanish. ants or a wider range of the pronunciation of the pronunciation of the pronunciation of the comparisons and dipatterns. It is and sentences aloud curate pronunciation,		

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2		Grammar								
Pupils should be taught to:	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high- frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.	Begin to understand similarities and differ English and French/S order.	rences between	Understand and start French/Spanish grant Recognise some key of the language. Understand that nou are either masculine Identify the gender of determiner. Make a noun plural a determiner. Use a simple adjective. Use some common of person. Recognise and use a prepositions. Make a simple negate. Start to use simple cound but to make lone. Start to become awa connections in word. Start to use basic grassentences.	mmar in context. If features and patterns Ins in French/Spanish or feminine. If a noun by its Ind use the correct If eatures and patterns If a noun by its Ind use the correct If eatures and patterns If eatures	Know how to find our adjective, verb, adversor conjunction. Start to use basic grassentences. Use adjectives in the understand how to not recognise and use at than in the first person. Use some common third person. Attempt to use difference build more complex.	t if a word is a noun, rb, preposition or ammar to build correct place and nake them agree. range of prepositions. subject pronouns other on. erb is conjugated. verbs in the second or rent tenses. sentences by including or using conjunctions.				

Languages programmes of study: key stage 2		Vocabulary								
Pupils should be taught to: broaden their vocabulary	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6				
and develop their ability to understand new words	Start to recognise a in French/Spanish.	d use some key words		 Understand and use a range of vocabulary about different topics. 		a range of vocabulary of topics and contexts.				
that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.	Begin to notice some differences between		Start to use some di remember new voca	-	 Use a range of different strategies to remember new vocabulary. 					
	Spanish words.		 Make links with Engl meanings of words. 	lish to work out the	Make links with English or other French/ Spanish words to work out meanings of					
			Start to guess the m	eanings of new words.	 Use context clues to work out the meanin of new words. 					
			Start to use reference check the meaning of							
			Use different vocabu places, things and as	ulary to describe people,	Use reference tools to find the meaning					
					Use reference tools to vocabulary in their s					
					Use a wider range of people, places, thing	vocabulary to describe s and actions.				

Learning a foreign language is a liberation from insularity and provides an opening to other cultures. A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world.	Cultural Capital							
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6		
	Understand that peo- languages. Recognise and talk a and differences betw French/Spanish-spei Talk about some fest that take place in Fre- countries.	bout some similarities veen English and aking countries.	Locate France/Spain on a map. Name some French/Spanish cities. Name some other countries where French/Spanish is spoken. Make some comparisons with France/Spain (or other French/Spanish-speaking countries) and their own country. Talk about some festivals and celebrations that take place in French/Spanish-speaking.					

	Cultural Capital (continued)							
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6			
		France/Spain (or oth Share simple facts al	er French/Spanish-speal bout features of life in Fre	differences between the king countries). ench/Spanish-speaking o n languages, culture and	countries.			

Wider Curriculum Links	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	amply covered by the s requirement to explain differences between li life in other countries, from stories, non-ficti appropriate – maps'.	aming Goals, such as Language as well as motional Development. Id Communities ELG is cheme, in particular the some 'similarities and fe in this country and drawing on knowledge on texts and – when Through the use of nks to the ELG 'Being ressive'. The cultural to knowing 'similarities een different religious	their culture, famous la transport which also li the opportunity to mak learning to tell the time use their knowledge of French or Spanish, as v investigating a topic for to link to the study of a could be easily linked to ('The Body' unit'). Some issues in the weather scheme also links well	to Geography in learning indmarks and using map independent in the study of the links to their learning it in the second language if word classes, dictionary well as their speaking an or the term, then the cultivitists and their work in A to PE, for example giving units, such as learning a unit support areas of state to some aspects of the late of the	is. There are units all ab of celebrations and festi in RE. Counting and play have obvious links to M ry skills and grammar in d listening and compreh tural capital aspects of the lint. The Colours unit link instructions in French/s about pets or parts of the udy in Science. Through Music curriculum. In sor	out weather, towns and ivals, children will have ving counting games, or laths. Learners will also a English when learning tension skills. If you are the scheme are perfect is well here. Some units Spanish during lessons a body, or environmental in the use of songs, the

End Points (Impact)	Year 1	Year 2		Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Through the Sparks units, children in KS1 will have learnt to say key words in French/ Spanish. They will have started to link key words to create short phrases and ask and answer very simple questions about themselves in French/Spanish. The non-compulsory KS1 Sparks units will allow children to arrive in KS2 able to:			ve built a core Frenchat they can build so conversations to so hers. They will have le Francophone/Hispar e LKS2 Lift Off unit	its, children in LKS2 will ch/Spanish vocabulary entences and take part hare information with earnt some key aspects nic culture. s will allow children to	Through the In Orbit units, children in UKS2 will have developed the confidence to use a range of French/Spanish words and phrases accurately to share information orally and in writing. They will be ready to move on to secondary education with a good foundation of language learning.	
	enjoy listening to so and rhymes in French identify some familiphrases; pronounce some fa follow simple instru	ongs, stories, poems ch/Spanish; iar words and short imiliar words;)	and phrases; recognise and use a vocabulary;	g activities with	The UKS2, In Orbit units will allow children arrive in secondary school able to: • apply understanding of basic grammatic rules; • understand key points and some detail in short written texts; • use spoken language confidently to take part in a simple conversation;	
			•	 sentences; write a few sentences using visual aids for support. 		 listen attentively to spoken French/ Spanish for details and gist; write a short text on a familiar topic; use reference tools to help broaden vocabulary. 	