

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES: FRENCH

French is taught at Crabtree Junior School by a specialist teacher who is a native French speaker. Each class has one hour of French per week in alternate half terms and the lessons provide a balance of spoken and written language, laying the foundations for future foreign language teaching; each year, the secondary school language departments compliment Crabtree pupils on how well prepared they are for French studies at Key Stage 3

The focus of teaching is on practical communication and developing accurate pronunciation and intonation. The children are given the opportunity to listen to the French language and show understanding by joining in and responding. They are able speak in short sentences using familiar vocabulary, present information orally to the rest of the class and write words and phrases from memory to describe people, places things and actions.

Lessons are designed to engage the pupils and to give them a love of learning a foreign language. *“Nous apprenons le français”* through songs, role play, acting out (in class and during Assemblies and short plays), word searches, crosswords, videos, reading, listening, looking at sentences, silent letters, grammatical points, creating displays and booklets.

French is linked as far as possible to the current curriculum for each class. For example: Year 3 learn a poem “Le Chameau” during their autumn term Egypt topic, and Year 5 reinforce their Tudor knowledge with “Les 6 Femmes d’Henri VIII”