



All children in Key Stages 1 and 2 learn French. We have fun and work hard acquiring new skills and insights into the culture of French speaking countries.

Here are some of the reasons we are learning French:

- French is the only language, with English, that is taught in every country of the world
- French is spoken in 5 continents and is an official language in 29 countries
- There are around 220 million French speakers worldwide, including 80 million native speakers.
- The number of French speakers is expected to reach 700 million by 2050
- About 45% of modern English words are of French origin, especially higher order vocabulary.
- Many international institutions have French as one of their official languages, including the United Nations, the International Olympic Committee, the Red Cross, and Médecins sans Frontières. Many international courts also use French as an official language.
- French is a good base for learning other languages( especially Romance) languages like Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian  
After English and German, French is the third most widely used language on the Internet, ahead of Spanish
- Learning another language enriches the mind and opens up new horizons, both personal and professional.
- **Over 75% of the world's population speak more than 1 language. In today's world, speaking one language is not enough.**



- Germany is the UK's biggest non-english speaking trading partner
- Germany is the biggest foreign employer of British citizens
- There are thousands of cognates (similar words) between English and German and spelling and pronunciation is regular
- German is the most spoken mother-tongue language in Europe and out of a population of around 500 million Europeans, around 100 million speak German
- Understanding another language and culture creates a more rounded world view and opens up opportunities for our children to broaden their horizons