



## Menston Primary School Modern Foreign Languages Curriculum Statement

### Quality of Education in Modern Foreign Languages

A high-quality languages education should foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. Teaching should enable pupils to express their thoughts and ideas in a different language and to understand and respond to its speakers, both in speech and writing. In line with the Language Programmes of Study (National Curriculum in England), it should also provide opportunities for pupils to communicate for practical purposes, discover new ways of thinking and read literature in the original language. Language teaching should provide the foundation for learning further languages, equipping pupils to study and work in other countries.

At Menston Primary School, our chosen modern foreign language is French. We aim to provide a high-quality foundation in French which will prepare children for the more in-depth language learning that they will access at secondary school. We want all children to leave us at the end of Key Stage 2 with a solid foundation in linguistic skills which can be applied at KS3 and beyond as well as a love of language learning and a thirst for cultural knowledge.

French at Menston Primary School is taught using the [Rigolo scheme](#). This helps us to ensure that children are immersed in the language and have many opportunities to practise their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Units begin with learning how to repeat and recognise words and phrases, progressing to being able to read and write the vocabulary. We believe that learning a modern foreign language helps children to extend their communication skills and can enhance their self-esteem. It is a necessary part of being a member of the multicultural society in which we live.

The Rigolo scheme will enable children to:

- listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes linking the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- engage in conversations and speak in sentences
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud
- present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the French language
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- write phrases from memory
- describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing and understand basic grammar appropriate to the French language

The teaching of French at Menston Primary School provides the foundation for learning further languages. By the end of Key Stage 2, pupils will be adequately prepared for further MFL teaching in KS3, which will then equip them to study and work in other countries.

To further enhance the MFL curriculum, we also offer an extra-curricular French club, led by a specialist languages teacher, to children in Key Stage 2.