



Helping our children connect with the wider world

At Menston Primary School, we believe learning a language opens doors to new cultures, ideas and opportunities. Our MFL curriculum helps children develop communication skills, cultural awareness and confidence, preparing them for life in a global society.

Our Vision

Our school vision, *"Making the world a better place,"* is at the heart of our language learning. Through French, our chosen modern foreign language, children learn to appreciate diversity, respect other cultures and see themselves as global citizens.

What MFL Looks Like at Menston

French is taught across Key Stage 2, using the Language Angels scheme to ensure progression in listening, speaking, reading and writing. We have selected Language Angels specifically because it provides a fully curriculum-aligned MFL scheme with differentiated resources that support all learners with high-quality language teaching. It also offers accessible digital tools fostering interaction whilst delivering consistent, engaging MFL across the school. In addition, the platform strongly supports inclusion, offering adaptive teaching and learning across all four language skills to support, ensuring every child can access and succeed in MFL.

Children begin by recognising and repeating words and phrases, then move on to reading and writing sentences. Songs, rhymes and games make learning fun and memorable.

We also offer enrichment opportunities through a French club for KS2 and a Spanish club for Year 2, helping children explore languages beyond the classroom.

Developing Substantive Knowledge

Substantive knowledge in MFL is the core content of language learning: vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Our curriculum ensures children learn key words and phrases, understand basic grammar, and develop accurate pronunciation. They also gain cultural knowledge by exploring traditions, stories and songs from French-speaking countries.

Developing Disciplinary Knowledge

Disciplinary knowledge is about thinking like a linguist: understanding how languages work and applying strategies to communicate effectively. Children learn to listen attentively, engage in conversations, ask and answer questions, and use dictionaries to broaden vocabulary. They develop skills to decode unfamiliar words and apply grammatical rules, preparing them for future language learning at KS3 and beyond.

Linked to Our Curriculum Drivers

- **Equality, diversity and tolerance:** Learning French helps children appreciate different cultures and fosters respect for diversity.
- **Creativity and critical thinking:** Pupils use language creatively in speech and writing, building confidence and problem-solving skills.
- **Global citizenship:** Language learning connects children to the wider world and encourages empathy and understanding.
- **Future-thinking:** MFL supports STEM and career readiness by equipping pupils with skills valued in a global economy.
- **Wellbeing:** Enjoyable, interactive lessons and clubs boost confidence and self-esteem.

What Children Leave Us Knowing

By the end of Year 6, our pupils can:

- Understand and respond to spoken and written French
- Use key vocabulary and phrases in conversation and writing
- Apply basic grammar and pronunciation accurately
- Appreciate French culture through stories, songs and traditions



Our aim is for children to leave us with a genuine love of languages, a strong sense of cultural awareness and the learning strategies they need to thrive in secondary school and beyond.