



# St Martin's School

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## MFL Intent Statement

Our vision at St Martin's is for children to feel happy and safe, and become lifelong learners, who know they can make God's world a better place.

Learning a foreign language provides an opening to other cultures and prepares children to be a global citizen now and in their future roles within a global community. At St Martin's, we aim to broaden our children's horizons and encourage them to step beyond familiar cultural boundaries and develop new ways of seeing the world. In Year 4, 5 and 6, we teach our children French to help our pupils learn core grammar, phonics, vocabulary, high-frequency language and sentence structures in a variety of everyday topics. We aim for the children to express their ideas and thoughts in French and understand and respond in both in speech and writing. We provide opportunities for them to communicate in French for practical purposes and embed a knowledge of French culture. Through the French scheme of work we follow, we can progress through the curriculum learning the key communicative functions of a modern language.

At St Martin's, we aim to link French to our school values:

**Respect** - we aim for our children to show respect to foreign cultures and languages.

**Friendship** - we promote friendship, through the topics that are covered within the French curriculum and the use of speaking and listening activities to provide opportunities for children to develop friendships with peers using a different language.

**Courage** - we teach children to have a go at speaking French in everyday tasks and practise the new vocabulary and sentence structures they have learnt without relying on English!

**Creativity** - we aim to provide children with a range of opportunities in French to foster creativity in their spoken language and their written language. The children can practise being creative with their vocabulary choices and the additional information they might add when speaking in French.