

## Modern Foreign Languages Statement

*"A different language is a different vision of life."  
Federico Fellini*

At Thornton Primary School, 32 different languages are spoken, so most of our children are already exposed to a language other than English. Drawing on the strength that our children are bilingual, language learners, we decided to teach French as a new language for all our pupils. French is widely spoken around the world and is the official language of 29 countries, making it a very useful language to have.

Our French curriculum is bespoke and holds a prominent position in the school curriculum. It has been designed by our specialist French teacher who ensures that the French curriculum links with the topics children are covering in other subjects. This develops their knowledge of French alongside their knowledge of the topic and makes it more relevant to them.

We excite and engage our children by celebrating 'Bastille Day', running a French Club, where children learn French through drama and taking part in competitions. We have made strong links with King Edwards School and memorable lessons are planned and taught by the children from Year II.

Children are encouraged to practice their use of French at home on a specialist website, for which the children have their own login.



Come and see our fantastic still life drawings and landscape art work in the style of French artist Paul Cezanne.

