

"To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world." – Chinese Proverb

At Lanercost we believe that learning a foreign language and exposing children to the way of life in other countries develops a better cultural awareness and understanding of the world. We want to equip children with the knowledge and skills required to help them explore other cultures through a high-quality language education that engages, inspires and challenges them.

Children at Lanercost C of E Primary School are taught French as a foreign language throughout KS1 and KS2. Our aim is to develop understanding and communication in a new language through speaking and listening skills. Throughout their lessons, which address the core aims of the National Curriculum, children have the opportunity to ask and answer questions using correct pronunciation and grammar. Children are taught words and phrases through practical activities such as games and songs. They work in pairs or small groups to communicate in a modern foreign language allowing them to develop an understanding of basic grammar.

We support children to share their experiences of other languages and cultures and further promote the purpose and importance of learning languages.

We are fortunate to have parents of different nationalities, and together with a teacher, one has led an after school French club, where the children learnt more about the culture and customs of France as well as practising language through songs, games and conversation.

