

Modern Foreign Languages at Newsham Primary School



At Newsham, we have chosen French as our modern foreign language. In Year 6, children can visit France. Therefore, starting in Year 3, we introduce children to the French language. They are given the opportunity to learn a variety of vocabulary and most children attend a heavily subsidised visit to France in Year 6 where they have the opportunity to try out their learning in context.

The school follows a learning programme called 'Rigolo', which is a fun and supportive resource for teaching French Key Stage 2. With Rigolo, the children follow the amazing adventures of the much-loved characters Jake, Polly and Bof as they discover France through lively interactions and colourful stories.

Starting with basic greetings, then onto directions, food names, weekend activities, sports and more, children can hand-pick known vocabulary and use it during their visit. French lessons give children the opportunity to listen, speak and write in the French language. They learn important grammatical features which are necessary for secondary school. French is the chosen language in most of the secondary schools in the area and thus we give children the best start for their KS3 transition.

Rigolo follows the National Curriculum for England, with Rigolo 1 aimed at Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3-4) and Rigolo 2 at Years 5-6 (ages 9-11).

Rigolo 1 and Rigolo 2 are each split into teaching Units, which contain an assortment of:

- interactive online lessons
- printable worksheets
- online flashcards
- project work
- sound and spelling activities
- listening activities
- assessments



Jake, Bof and Polly