

## Curriculum Intent Statement: French

The National Curriculum is the fundamental basis of our curriculum at Woodlands; the curriculum coverage, content and progression of knowledge and skills are outlined in detail in our long-term and medium-term planning documents. We believe in educating the whole child and as such, this curriculum in this subject also enhances these core elements:

	<p><b><u>Humankind:</u></b> The French curriculum at Woodlands helps us develop a wider sense of humankind beyond our own lives and environments - how do other people live in other areas of the world? We learn about all aspects of France - language, history, customs, cultures and way of life for the people of France. What can we learn about life in France and how is it similar or different to our own experiences?</p>
	<p><b><u>Place:</u></b> Learning French at Woodlands links to our learning in Geography; not only do we learn about France, its location, its climate, its major cities and landmarks, but we have the chance to learn about other French-speaking countries in across the world and their histories. We learn to speak, understand, read and write in French, helping us to prepare for our future travels!</p>
	<p><b><u>Investigation:</u></b> We have so many opportunities to investigate and explore through learning another language! Finding out new vocabulary; using the clues from our own language to discover the meanings of unknown words; what happens when they are used in different contexts? We learn to ask and answer questions to investigate all aspects of France.</p>
	<p><b><u>Comparison:</u></b> Learning a new language helps us to build our comparison skills - we can compare the French language to English and the other languages we know. We learn to compare France to other countries - the weather, environment, schools, hobbies, food and drink, animals, sports and many more! What do we have in common with France, and what new and different things would you like to experience when you visit?</p>
	<p><b><u>Significance:</u></b> Learning French is an important part of our curriculum because it helps us to be global citizens. We learn to think beyond our own experiences where we live and learn about other significant places across the world. Through learning French alongside History in our curriculum, we learn how France and Britain's histories are linked together!</p>