

French

At Prettygate Schools we start learning French in Year 3 through to Year 6. Research shows that learning a second language **boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask.** Children proficient in other languages also show signs of enhanced creativity and mental flexibility.

With the above in mind the aims for teaching French are the following:

- To help children understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources. These sources will include; video clips, stories, songs, poems and rhymes.
- To enable children to speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.
- To enable children to write in French at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.
- To help children to discover and develop an appreciation for the country of France and the cultural traditions of the people who live there.

