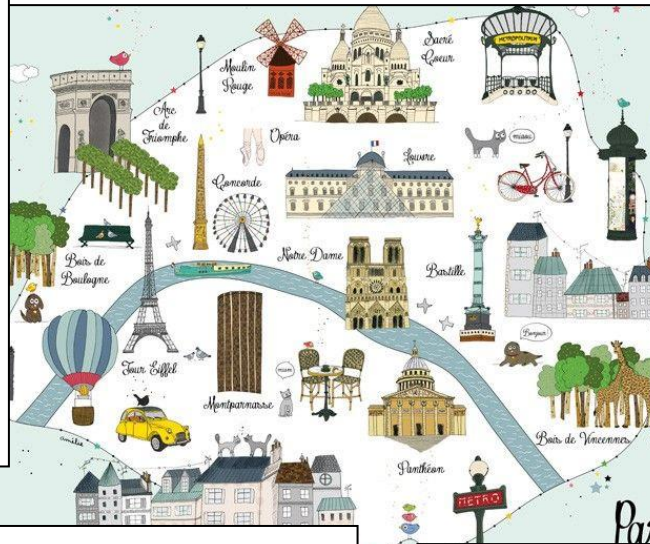


# FRENCH

The Modern Foreign Language taught at Bartons is French. Children in Key Stage 2 learn French weekly, through an interactive programme. They will hear the language, speak it and eventually write it using a multi-sensory approach to learning.

The units taught include some conversational French as well as vocabulary and learning about France and French culture. Some units are linked to the class topics and so build another layer of knowledge.



Why is it important?

Learning a new language can unlock many opportunities for us. We can make links with other cultures and enjoy new experiences when we know a bit more about them. It is a great way for a class to bond, learning something new together and sharing their own experiences of different languages and ways of life. It allows native English speakers to empathise with those who have English as an additional language. It can also consolidate our own knowledge of the English language by teaching grammatical terms in a different context.

What does French look like at Bartons?

Children learn through a range of practical and interactive activities that develop all areas of learning and encourage an understanding of French culture. We are a culturally diverse school and as such, we have other language and cultural enrichment opportunities through the year. Many children enjoy comparing their own language to French and spotting patterns and similarities between their own language and French.

Here's what some of our children think about learning French:

"Bonjour means hello- It's really fun to learn French."

"You never know when you might need to speak to someone in another language. It was really useful when I visited Disneyland Paris!"

I was nervous about learning other languages at first but now I feel excited about learning more."