SMSC in Modern Foreign Languages - French

Through teaching French, we can also develop children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Spiritual Development

MFL supports spiritual development by teaching pupils to accept and embrace other languages and cultures. In relation to this, pupils learn about the religious and spiritual beliefs of the people in French speaking countries. Pupils are encouraged to be empathetic to the cultures, beliefs and traditions of others and stereotypes are challenged where necessary. This gives them the opportunity to consider 'identity' and what it means to them and others. Children explore emotions through language, reflect on different uses of language and they are often given the opportunity to use their imagination and creativity in groups and pair work. MFL promotes self-esteem by developing pupils' confidence; pupils are encouraged to: try new things including performing in front of their peers which promotes appreciation and support; exercise peer-coaching, and work as part of a team.

Moral Development

MFL supports Moral development by encouraging pupils to recognise the importance of learning a MFL from another country to enable them to respect how difficult it is when people visit Britain and try to speak a new language.
MFL affords pupils opportunities to explore moral issues through a range of listening, reading, writing and speaking activities.

Social Development

MFL supports social development by encouraging pupils to work proactively and co-operatively in pairs and groups. Pupils are encouraged to experiment with language and learn from their mistakes. There is a supportive environment in MFL classes where mistakes are seen as learning opportunities, 'marvellous mistakes'. In lessons, pupils are expected to use each other as learning tools and develop social strategies for giving and responding to feedback. Independence and self-esteem is nurtured and success is celebrated in and out school by using positive feedback from teacher and peers.

Cultural Development

MFL Supports Cultural development by encouraging children to appreciate the similarities and differences between France and Britain.
Exploration of language and culture is crucial to language learning, whether through lessons, celebrations of typical French traditions, promoting international and school projects, assemblies, multilingual after school clubs, multilingual books or school trips.