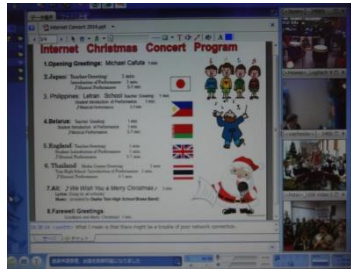


Languages



Learning languages helps children to deepen their understanding of the world and develops their written and verbal communication skills. Fluency in languages equips our children to work in a global marketplace. We teach language investigation skills in Key Stage 1. Children learn to recognise different languages and develop confidence in speaking languages that are new to them. This is done through a range of activities and songs. These not only develop early language learning skills but also increase intercultural understanding.

In Key Stage 2 pupils focus on learning French. Pupils initially develop speaking and listening skills before moving on to reading, writing and learning grammatical structures. French is taught through a range of activities in the classroom. We also have opportunities for children to work with pupils in France via videoconference.

In addition to our formal languages programme, we have numerous opportunities for children to develop their knowledge of other languages. We host teaching staff from various countries including Japan, China and Germany. These are staff run language clubs for pupils and they enable children to learn languages from native speakers. We also participate in a range of international projects which allow our children the chance to work collaboratively with students in other countries.

We run 'Language of the Month' which celebrates the wide range of languages spoken at school. Children are able to learn about countries where the Language of the Month is spoken. They are encouraged to use this language in daily routines such as when answering the register. Parents and members of the community are often involved with this.

