Statement of Intent for Languages – Busill Jones Primary School

Communication is the cornerstone of our curriculum. Our children live in a world in which learning languages encourages curiosity and understanding of other cultures. It reinforces the importance of communication skills that the children have learned in their first language and allows the children to embed the skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing. We want the children of Busill Jones to understand that communication isn't limited to their immediate community and that, through learning other languages, they have access to their global community.

Through Language Angels (our languages scheme), children learn a range of basic conversational skills as well as to read and write some basic phrases in French (Years 3-6) Children complete units – Je me presente, Chez Moi, En Famille, Quel temps fait il, J'apprends Francais, les animaux to develop basic conversation and themes such as Le maison Tudor and Les Romains to relate to other areas of the curriculum.

Listening and speaking are taught initially with these being the foundation to effective communication. During year 4 to 6, pupils will learn to write simple sentences and for this, will require some basic grammar knowledge that supports grammar knowledge that has already been taught through the English curriculum.

Language Angels enables the children to hear native speakers as role models to support accurate pronunciation. Rehearsal of phrases is key to effective recall of phrases that the children will need to use, both in spoken and written language.

The subject leader ensures that both knowledge and skills are taught simultaneously through monitoring of planning, learning walks, pupil conferencing and book scrutiny.

Each topic has specific objectives which enable the teacher to assess whether pupils in each year group have achieved the 'expected' standard or are 'working towards' or 'at greater depth'.

- Children will understand that different languages are an important means of communication and a means to widen their social and professional community.
- Children will leave Busill Jones able to engage in a basic conversation in both French and read and write some basic phrases.