

## Languages curriculum

From Year 3, all pupils are taught French, although throughout the school children are made aware of different languages in an informal way.

In Years 3 and 4 the main focus is on listening and speaking French; in Years 5 and 6 the emphasis gradually shifts towards reading and writing, using the same vocabulary and sentence structures. Children in mixed age classes are taught French with their own year group.

All schools in the Baldock network use the same French textbook for Year 6 so that children are well prepared for starting secondary school together.

Year group	Main topics covered (each year also includes a considerable amount of revision of previous learning)
3	Greetings; saying goodbye; asking people how they are, and answering; asking people their name and answering; learning the French pronunciation of the alphabet; colours; numbers 1 to 12; asking people's age and answering; the months of the year'; numbers 13 to 31; asking about birthdays and answering;
4	Days of the week; dates; pets; brothers and sisters; classroom language; asking where people live and answering; places in town; directions; rooms and objects in school;
5	Telling the time; weather; numbers 40 to 200; shopping; food; leisure activities; lessons; clothes; more classroom language
6	Reading and writing French, focusing on written language for meeting & greeting; numbers and ages; days/months/birthdays; school life; likes and dislikes; hobbies; colours; animals; families; where people live; food; nationalities and countries; weather. Grammar taught includes plurals, articles, adjectives, pronouns and verbs. Spelling and the use of French/English dictionaries are also taught.