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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 3 – Fortnightly-French Lessons

At William Law, pupils in Key Stage Two take part in French lessons for 1 hour 30 minutes each fortnight. Children are encouraged to explore a new language and develop intercultural understanding through songs, stories, games and activities.

The materials we will be using in Year 3 follow the adventures of Hocus and Lotus who are dinocrocs, half dinosaur and half crocodile. Hocus and Lotus live in an imaginary park and have adventures with their friends, who only speak French. The children will act out these stories in 'le monde magique' with their French teacher, and every child will play each part as they repeat the storylines after the teacher, with gestures and facial expressions. No children are asked to speak by themselves. The class will then watch the same story on a short DVD clip to clarify the meaning of the story and reinforce the language used in the story, spoken by native speakers.

This approach to learning languages is based on research of how young children acquire their first language and how bilingual children manage to learn two languages with ease. The children will be learning French in an 'immersive way' very similar to how they learnt their first language, by listening, watching, copying, repeating and taking part in a shared story. Over time, children will naturally begin to act out sections of the stories on their own in French. By using this approach, they will learn to count to 10, recognise colours, say their names and those of other animals, express greetings and opinions all as part of a story. What pupils won't be taught at this stage is to translate word for word.

Yours faithfully

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Modern Foreign Languages Co-ordinator



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