

Celebrating! on the European Day of Languages

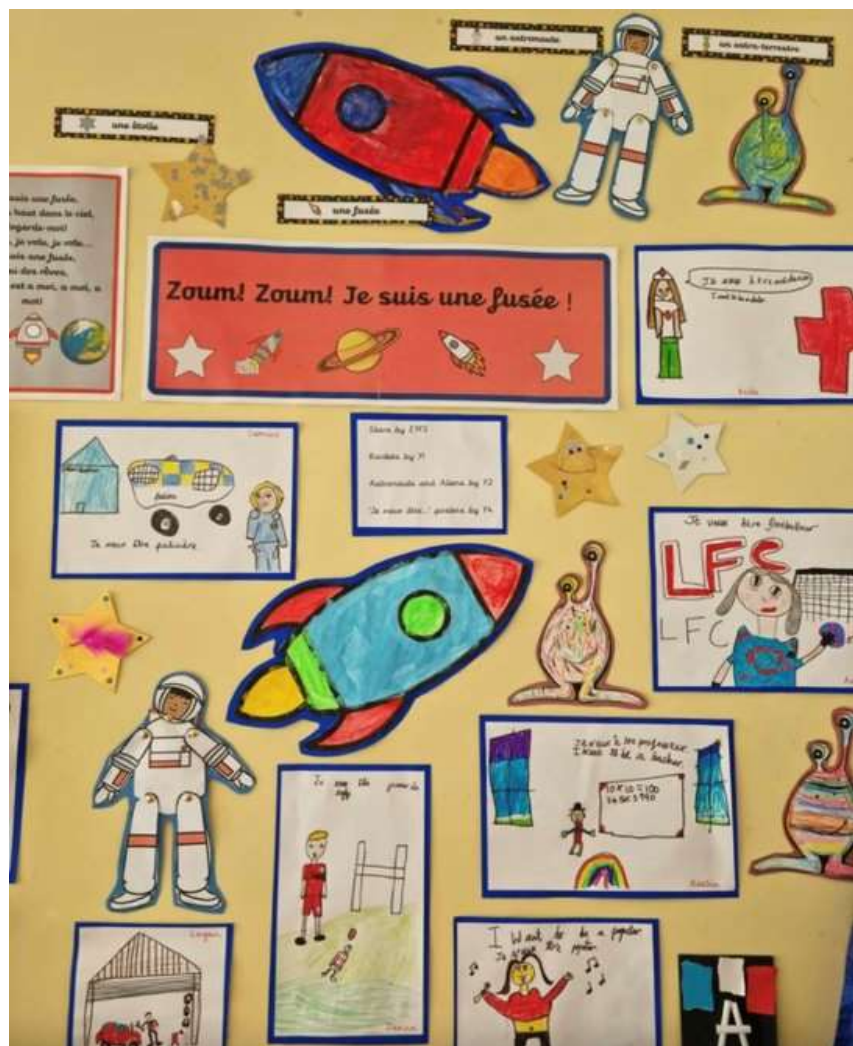


My name is Carol Taylor, and I am the Primary Languages Lead at Queen's Park CE/URC Primary in St Helens, Merseyside. I would like to share how a celebration event such as European Day of Languages can support and inspire attitudes to language learning throughout Primary.

We decided to use the Primary Languages Network resources on 'Zoom, Zoom' which put across the lovely message that languages help you to be aspirational and 'reach for the stars' in life. Class teachers used the wonderful song composed by Joanne Eccleshare and different year groups were given areas to contribute towards a whole school display (EYFS made stars, Y1 spaceships, Y4 wrote out posters about what they would like to be when they grow up etc).



In the following weeks I noticed that pupils would specifically ask for the 'Zoom Zoom' song whenever I entered the room and I must admit, it is very catchy!



I have been thrilled to have lots of children working at home to continue their language learning such as a letter to me written in French, Spanish and then Italian, a school vision poster written in several different languages and a child's own version of the classroom objects display from Y4.

Our next enhancements include a visit from a native French speaker in spring term and a 'We love Languages' event in summer term where we will invite parents in to hear us sing Eurovision style in several different languages.

