

Curriculum overview for parents and carers

French

Summary of key French learning for Year 3 to Year 6.

Year 3			
Autumn 1	French greetings with puppets	Autumn 2	French adjectives of colour, size and shape
	Using puppets to learn a variety of French greetings and introductions and choosing the correct greeting based on the time of day.		Describing shapes using adjectives of colour and size, learning the position of adjectives relative to the noun and identifying cognates - similar sounding words in English and French.
Spring 1	French playground games- numbers and age	Spring 2	In a French classroom
	Counting in French from one to twelve, asking how old someone is and answering the same question. Comparing sentence structures in French and English.		Responding to common classroom instructions through games. Learning vocabulary for classroom items. Understanding that French nouns are either 'masculine' or 'feminine.'
Summer 1	French transport	Summer 2	A circle of life in French
	Using detective skills to spot cognates and working out meaning, learning new transport-related vocabulary and constructing sentences using parts of the verb 'aller' - to go.		Using dictionary skills to develop animal vocabulary and habitat names and applying this vocabulary to create sentences and complete food chains.

Year 4			
Autumn 1	Portraits - describing in French	Autumn 2	Clothes- getting dressed in French
	Learning adjectives for describing people's physical appearance and their personality. Creating simple sentences ensuring that the adjectives agree with the gender of the noun.		Learning vocabulary to describe items of clothing, along with the different forms of the indefinite article. Expressing opinions about outfits in French.
Spring 1	French numbers, calendars and birthdays	Spring 2	French weather and the water cycle
	Learning: the numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths, songs and class surveys. Researching the dates of French festivals.		Learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points; counting from 1-100 in multiples of ten and combining this knowledge to make statements about the temperature.
Summer 1	French food - miam, miam!	Summer 2	French and the Eurovision Song Contest
	Learning food vocabulary and revising numbers to 100, this time in the context of money and prices. Developing language detective skills and confidence with practical conversational French.		Revising vocabulary from Year 3 and 4 by writing original songs in French, learning additional musical vocabulary and expanding knowledge of the French names for European countries.

Year 5			
Autumn 1	French monster pets	Autumn 2	Space exploration - in French
	Revising noun gender, using the correct article to go with nouns, making adjectives agree with the noun they describe and sentence constructions, placing the adjectives in the correct place.		Using figurative language, developing sentence structure by adding adjectives, using prepositions and making simple adjectival comparisons.
Spring 1	Shopping in France	Spring 2	French speaking world
	Learning to construct high numbers, developing food-related vocabulary, building on understanding of sentence structures, questions and phrases.		Learning about French speaking countries, learning to give and follow directions, discussing climate and using comparative language.
Summer 1	Verbs in a week	Summer 2	Meet my French family
	Identifying the infinitive form of verbs and subject pronouns, grouping French verbs and learning that there are regular and irregular verbs.		Learning family and relations vocabulary, the possessive adjective: 'my' and 'how' to express likes and dislikes. Learning to compose a written composition by recycling and re-ordering known words and phrases.

Year 6			
Autumn 1	French sport and the Olympics	Autumn 2	French football champions
	Conjugating the verb 'aller'- to go, identifying correct prepositions, learning sports vocabulary and how to express preferences plus the infinitive.		Developing and practising language learning strategies, developing reading, speaking and listening skills, responding to questions about footballers.
Spring 1	In my French house	Spring 2	Planning a French holiday
	Describing a house - the different rooms and who lives there. Learning about prepositions to explain where items are arranged in their bedrooms.		Learning to use a combination of present and near-future tenses, and becoming familiar with holiday-related vocabulary around packing a suitcase and planning a journey.
Summer 1	Visiting a town in France	Summer 2	Revision.
	Learning directional and transport vocabulary and prepositional phrases, practising giving opinions and talking about a trip to France.		