

The Intent, Implication, and impact for French in our School

Intent

Learners will

- Develop resilience in language learning as well as enjoyment of it through a challenging scheme of work
- Acquire language learning strategies for memorisation and retrieval as well as for listening, reading and understanding
- Develop the skill of how to use a bi-lingual dictionary to decode unfamiliar language
- Be able to manipulate language to speak or write sentences creatively using prior knowledge of grammar and key features; with and without a dictionary
- Have a sound grasp of the key sounds of the French language and their corresponding graphemes and be able to apply this knowledge when speaking, listening and reading aloud
- Recognise some of the language patterns of French and how these differ or are similar to English
- Appreciate and be able to copy the sound of the language at text level through songs, stories and rhymes
- Have a deeper understanding of cultural differences and similarities
- Demonstrate substantial progress in learning French and work towards or meet the targets of the KS2 Programme of Study for Languages.

Though we teach in Mixed classes below are the skills for the Year groups.

Year 3 – Skills and Knowledge

Skills

- Listen, read and show understanding of single words
- Recognise a familiar question and respond
- Write and say a sentence with single familiar words and a connective with support and confident to attempt it without
- Recognise some letter strings and pronounce them in familiar words
- Use strategies for memorising vocabulary
- Find the meaning of word in a bi-lingual dictionary
- Join in with the actions of familiar songs, stories and rhymes

Knowledge

- Awareness that different word classes exist in French and know some vocabulary for nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns, adverbs and conjunction
- 1st and 2nd person pronouns with a regular -er verb ending and 2 irregular high frequency verbs
- Awareness that there are 2 groups of nouns in French
- 2 forms of 'you' in French
- Awareness that letters in French can make a different sound to English and silent letters are frequent

- Awareness that French is spoken in other countries besides France
- Some of the traditions of Christmas and New Year in France

Year 4 – Skills and Knowledge

Skills

- Listen, read and show understanding of short phrases in texts as well as songs and rhymes
- Ask and answer several simple and familiar questions
- Write and say a simple phrase to describe people, places and things with a language scaffold as well as be confident to do the same without support
- Read aloud short familiar sentences using knowledge of phonics
- Use a bi-lingual dictionary to find the meaning or translation of a word
- Join in with the words of familiar songs, stories and rhymes sometimes from memory

Knowledge

- Concept of gender of nouns
- Formation of a question with rising intonation
- Pattern of questions with question words
- Better understanding of silent letters
- Awareness of elision
- Rules for making nouns plural
- Formation of 1st and 2nd person singular of 2 irregular high frequency verbs
- Partitive in plural
- Making a sentence say not
- Position of colour adjectives in a sentence
- Some French speaking countries in Europe
- Facts about the Eiffel Tower

Year 5 – Skills and Knowledge

Skills

- Listen, read and show understanding of more complex familiar phrases and sentences in texts
- Ask and answer more complex familiar questions
- Write and say a more complex sentence to describe people, places and things with a language scaffold as well as be confident to do the same without support
- Read aloud more complex familiar sentences using knowledge of phonics
- Use a bi-lingual dictionary to find the meaning of nouns in the plural, adjectives in agreement and conjugated verbs
- Follow the text of a familiar rhyme, song or story and identify the meaning of the words

Knowledge

- Rules of agreement of adjectives in the singular and plural
- Position of majority of adjectives in a sentence
- Concept of liaison

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd person singular and 3rd person plural of an irregular high frequency verb
- Development of understanding of formation of questions
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd person singular pronouns and 3rd person plural pronouns and verb conjugation for regular -er verbs and an irregular high frequency verb
- Formation of the definite article
- Traditional songs and rhymes

Year 6 – Skills and Knowledge

Skills

- Listen, read and show understanding of more complex sentences using familiar and unfamiliar words
- Engage in a short conversation using familiar questions and express opinions
- Write and say a more complex sentence to describe people, places and things manipulating language with a bi-lingual dictionary as well as be confident to do the same without support
- Pronounce unfamiliar words in a sentence with a high degree of accuracy using phonic knowledge
- Decode an unfamiliar text using grammatical knowledge, context or a bi-lingual dictionary
- Read aloud the text of familiar songs, rhymes and stories

Knowledge

- Formal use of 'you' with regular and irregular high frequency verbs
- Formation of a relative clause
- Consolidation of grammatical knowledge from Years 3 to 5

Implementation

- The lesson plans are designed to be 30 minutes in length for Years 3/4 and 45 minutes in length for Years 5/6. There are follow-up activities to each lesson to increase the exposure time in a week
- The lessons are designed to be progressive and build on prior learning, moving from word to sentence level over the four years
- The lesson plans include ideas for support for the less able and to extend the more able
- The lesson activities are challenging, varied and interactive and develop listening, reading, speaking and writing skills
- The choice of vocabulary ensures exposure to all the key phonic sounds and ability to build sentences using grammatical knowledge
- In Year 6, the content allows for revisiting and consolidating prior knowledge

- It is expected that formative assessment in each lesson informs the planning and teaching of subsequent lesson plans

Impact

- The lesson plans indicate which activity is an opportunity to assess progress and is linked to the KS2 targets and to those of the appropriate year group as detailed above.
- Teachers will record attainment of each target for each skill over the year and track progress
- Evidence of speaking activities may be gathered by making audio recordings of the suggested activities in the lesson plans
- Children self-assess their progress at the end of each section of and comment on their grasp of the new knowledge.
- Based on the evidence of the above records of achievement and progress, teachers can inform parents/guardians of this, using report statements which relate to the expected targets of each year group under the headings 'emerging, expected and exceeding'