



French Newsletter

Summer Term 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Summer Term is always an exciting one regarding our French learning. Year 5 will be visiting Paris and finally meeting their penfriends in La Villette school. They will also do some sightseeing in this beautiful city.

In addition, all children at Rectory Gardens will be enjoying a French Café experience, where they will have to ask for their food and drink in French. (Children at Church Lane did this in September.)

We will continue where possible to link French to what the children are learning in other curriculum areas and to relevant festivals and events. The major summer festival in France is of course, Bastille Day on 14th July.

Reception

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of greetings and numbers. They will be learning the names of farm animals to tie in with their class topic and will learn how to name colours in French.

Year 1

We will be learning the French for different types of pets and will read stories which feature animals. We will continue to manipulate numbers 1-20. The children will take turns to bring home a 'French bag' which will include fun activities to be done at home. Don't worry if you can't do all the activities together; the important thing is that you and your child choose something that you enjoy. It is lovely to see that the children who have already taken home the bag have really enjoyed it. 'Le gateau au yaourt' is especially popular!

Year 2

At the start of the term, the children will be remembering how to say their age and learn how to say their birthday in French. This will of course involve learning all the numbers from 1-31. We will examine the work of Matisse, recreating a collage in his style and reinforcing knowledge of colours. It has been a pleasure to see how much the children have enjoyed taking home the Y2 French bag. Don't worry if your child has not brought it home yet - they will get a chance this term.

Year 3

Last term the children developed a good knowledge of clothes vocabulary and learned about using the concept of masculine/feminine words. This term they will look at the work of the designer Jean-Paul Gaultier and will make posters based on his 'Junior' line. Next, we will learn about noun/adjective word order by doing work based on the French version of 'Brown Bear'.

Year 4

The children have developed their proficiency in ordering food and drink in a French café and will be moving on to taste food and state their opinions. They will then start to develop important dictionary skills in the context of learning vocabulary for items included in an evacuee's suitcase. This ties in with their class topic: World War II.

Year 5

This is the term when French learning really comes alive! Our trips are on 22nd May and 5th June and we can't wait! Everything is focused on real communication with our penfriends and on preparing to go to Paris. We have just enjoyed watching individual video messages from children at La Villette school and soon we will meet those children in real life. Before and after the trip, we will learn interesting facts about the French capital.

Year 6

The children have started to research and write biographies of famous French speakers. These will be displayed outside the French classroom when completed. They enjoyed watching 'Une Vie de Chat' (A Cat in Paris) at the ArtHouse last term and the description work leading from this will help with their biographies. We plan to learn how to manipulate the important verbs 'avoir' and 'être' in the context of 'Beauty and the Beast', which is, after all, a French fairy tale. We will also learn how to use prepositions and generally prepare as much as we can for successful language-learning at secondary school. Y6 will have their own French café at the end of SATs week.