



French Newsletter

Summer Term 2019



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.

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. Many children enjoy discovering a few facts about the French Revolution.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will do a second assessment in the form of an online game called 'The Language Magician'. This proved to be very popular the first time around and I know they will be excited about having another go.

Reception

The children will continue to develop their knowledge of greetings and numbers. They will learn how to name colours in French and also farm animal vocabulary to tie in with their class topic.

Year 1

We will be learning the French for different types of pets and will read stories which feature animals. In addition, we will discover some beach vocabulary and learn ice cream flavours in French. The children will continue to take turns to bring home the 'French bag' which includes 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 gâteau au yaourt' is especially popular!

Year 2

We will reinforce knowledge of the French words for colours and examine the work of Matisse, recreating a collage in his style. Further French work will link with the Y2 Safari topic and the children will learn animals and hear related stories. 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 French fashion designers and use the vocabulary they have learned. Next, we will learn about noun/adjective word order by doing work based on the French version of 'Brown Bear'. There will also be a story related to the Year 3 'Plants' topic.

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 a class topic: World War II.

Year 5

This is the big term when French learning really comes alive! Our trip is on Tuesday 21st May and we can't wait! Everything is focused on real communication with our penfriends and on preparing to go to Paris. We are about to watch 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 been researching and writing biographies of famous French speakers. These will be displayed outside the French classroom when completed. They will watch a film 'Une Vie de Chat' (A Cat in Paris) and extend their ability to describe people and characters. 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.