



# French Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

The author John le Carré describes learning a foreign language as 'an act of friendship' and as a way of getting to know someone better: their culture, their social manners and their way of thinking. I think most of us would agree that this is something we would want for our children, as a way of connecting with the wider world.

Is French your first language? We would love to hear from French-speaking parents who would like to come into school and perhaps read a story or get involved in other ways.

### Reception

We will start talking about food (always of interest!) as we will be holding a French café on 20<sup>th</sup> September for children at Church Lane. Children will ask for their *croissants*, *pains au chocolat* and juice in French. In class they will learn greetings, how to say how they are feeling and numbers 1-10.

### Year 1

Year 1 children will also experience the French café at Church Lane on 20<sup>th</sup> September. As in Reception, they will be asking for their food and drink in French. Other language areas will be using numbers 1-10 and possibly beyond, fairy stories in French (Sleeping Beauty and The Three Bears) and parts of the body. An exciting development in Year 1 is that children will take turns to bring home a 'French bag' which will include fun activities to be done with you at home.

### Year 2

They will start the year with a French café and then will be extending their range of greetings, saying their age and practising responding to classroom commands. Children will be writing single words and short phrases and will revise colours in the context of fireworks. They will also learn some weather phrases. There will be a Year 2 version of the 'French bag', which you will remember from Year 1, so that they can share their learning with you.

### Years 3-6 French Café

The children will be using their French at a Rectory Gardens French Café later in the year. *Un croissant, s'il vous plaît!*

### Year 3

We will be looking at some French phonics in the context of fun rhymes and tongue twisters. Children will also expand their range of greetings and encounter the names of pencil case items to learn about nouns and gender of words. They will also hear and read an Anansi story in French and later in the term, learn about French Christmas traditions.

### Year 4

Children will be learning to express a greater range of feelings and make their own emojis and speech bubbles. They will also work on saying the date and when their birthday is, going on to learning birthday celebration vocabulary. Singing some Christmas songs in French will be part of our learning towards the end of the term.



### Year 5

We will begin the exciting process of corresponding with penfriends in La Villette, our link school in Paris. Children will be writing simple facts about themselves and will learn how to describe likes and dislikes. They will also learn how to talk/write about breakfast and lunch: when they eat it and what they have.

### Year 6

Year 6 children will be extending their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills by expanding the range of questions they can ask. They will also learn how to describe the weather and climates, words for geographical features and names of French speaking countries. We will also plan to watch and understand a French film, title to be confirmed!