



KS2 French Skills Progression (Early Start French)

	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing	Grammar & Phonics	Intercultural Understanding
Yr 3	Listen attentively and respond to simple words, songs and classroom instructions.	Repeat words and short phrases with accurate pronunciation. Join in with songs, rhymes and simple conversations. Answer simple questions about themselves.	Recognise familiar words and match spoken language to pictures. Begin to recognise simple written vocabulary.	Copy single words and short phrases accurately. Label pictures using familiar vocabulary.	Develop awareness of French sounds and pronunciation. Notice that French is spoken and written differently from English.	Learn about France and French-speaking countries through stories, festivals and everyday life.
Yr 4	Understand familiar phrases and simple sentences. Follow short spoken dialogues with support.	Ask and answer simple questions. Take part in short conversations using familiar language. Use simple opinions and preferences.	Read familiar words and short sentences aloud with increasing confidence. Understand simple written texts with picture support.	Write short phrases and simple sentences from memory using familiar vocabulary.	Recognise masculine and feminine nouns. Begin to use simple adjectives and sentence patterns. Develop confidence with key phonemes.	Compare aspects of school life, food and traditions in France with those in the UK.
Yr 5	Understand longer spoken passages and identify key information. Follow simple stories and descriptions.	Speak in sentences using familiar vocabulary. Express opinions, preferences and reasons. Use simple role-play confidently.	Read short paragraphs independently. Use context and cognates to understand new vocabulary.	Write simple paragraphs using modelled language. Adapt familiar sentences to create new meanings.	Use high-frequency verbs (e.g. <i>être</i> , <i>avoir</i>). Understand simple word order, negatives and adjective agreement.	Explore geography, customs and everyday life in French-speaking countries.

Yr 6	Understand the main points from extended speech on familiar topics. Respond confidently to spoken questions.	Hold short conversations with increasing spontaneity. Present information from memory using accurate pronunciation.	Read and understand short authentic texts. Use dictionaries to support understanding of unfamiliar language.	Write connected sentences and short paragraphs independently. Edit and improve written work for accuracy.	Apply knowledge of gender, agreement, verbs and sentence structure. Use a range of familiar grammatical patterns accurately.	Develop an appreciation of French culture and recognise similarities and differences between cultures.
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End of KS2 Expectations

By the end of Year 6, pupils should be able to:

- Listen carefully and understand familiar spoken French.
- Engage in simple conversations and ask and answer questions confidently.
- Read and understand familiar words, phrases and short texts.
- Write simple sentences and short paragraphs from memory and by adapting known language.
- Use accurate pronunciation and intonation.
- Apply basic grammatical knowledge, including gender, simple verb forms and adjective agreement.
- Demonstrate curiosity and understanding of French language and culture.