

# French Overview 2023/2024

Pupils are introduced to speaking French with a phonics lesson that focusses on the first four phonemes in French. Following this, they complete the 'I am learning French' module, where they listen attentively to key phrases and then develop accurate pronunciation and intonation of these phrases when speaking themselves.

Sound, meaning and spellings of words are developed through exploring language patterns in rhymes and songs. These play an integral role in engaging, lively and inclusive lessons.

As children become more confident in summer term, they are encouraged to always speak in full sentences using familiar vocabulary, phrases and language structures. The I am able unit allows students to develop more complex sentences using ten new verbs and the aim is to be able to explain things that they can do and things that they cannot do by the end of the unit.

In year 4, children learn to communicate with others with improved confidence and accuracy. They learn to ask and answer questions based on the language covered in the units.

Children are taught to write some short phrases based on familiar topics and begin to use connectives/c conjunctions and the negative form where appropriate. EG: My name, where I live and my age.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3 - French	Phonics followed by introductory module - I am learning French Animals	Fruit Little Red Riding Hood	I am able Ancient History of Britain
Year 4 - French	Phonics Presenting Myself My Family	In the Classroom The Romans	At the Tearoom What is the weather?
Year 5 - French	Phonics Do you have a pet? The Date	Clothes The Tudors	My Home Habitats
Year 6 - French	Phonics At School The Olympics	Healthy Lifestyles The Weekend	Me in the World World War II

As children reach upper school, they are taught more complex French grammar. These grammar skills are important as the children are encouraged to write French as well as listen and speak. They learn about the gender of nouns, the use of the articles and full verb conjugations.

Children further develop their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills with a focus on accuracy of grammar, pronunciation and intonation. They are expected to write a paragraph in French and show an understanding of the grammar that has been taught so far.

During Year 5, children are taught to listen more attentively and for longer. They are encouraged to use decoding to decipher unfamiliar language.

