

French Overview 2024/2025

Children 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. Pupils are also introduced to French phonics with a phonics lesson that focusses on the first four phonemes in French.

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.

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.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 3 - French	Introductory module - I am learning French, inc Phonics Lesson 1	Animals	Fruit I am able
Year 4 - French	Phonics Lesson 2 Presenting Myself	The Date	The Romans
Year 5 - French	Phonics Lesson 3 My Family	The Weather	The Tudors
Year 6 - French	Phonics Lesson 4 At School	Healthy Lifestyles	World War II

