

French curriculum Skills and Knowledge Learning Ladder

Intent

Holtsmere End Junior School has developed a long term French plan that aims to:

To develop the teaching and learning of French across the school, preparing children for future opportunities in French speaking countries.

Implementation

In our school we recognise that learning a modern foreign language is a statutory entitlement for all pupils during their time in Key Stage 2 and we are committed to the principle that learning another language helps foster a curiosity and deeper understanding of other cultures and the world in general. We believe that learning to understand, speak, read and write another language during Key Stage 2 will provide the basis for learning other languages, which in turn will provide important opportunities for future study and work in other countries. In our school we teach French.

Our main objectives in the teaching of French are to promote the development of linguistic competence and confidence in speaking and writing as well as an understanding and awareness of the world and other cultures. To accomplish this, we will help the children to do the following:

- familiarise themselves with the sounds and written form of French;
- develop particular language-learning skills;
- begin to understand a new language and communicate in it;
- make comparisons between languages;
- learn about different countries and their people;
- develop a positive attitude towards the learning of foreign languages in general;
- use their knowledge of the foreign language with growing confidence, both to understand what they hear and read, and to express themselves in speech and writing;
- acquire, through all of the above, a sound basis for further study at Key Stage 3 and beyond.

Impact

We assess the children's progress by making informal judgements during lessons or through the work the pupils produce, against the attainment targets set out in the National Curriculum 2014. Marking and verbal feedback provide guidance to help progress. At relevant times, the teacher makes a summary judgement about the attainment of each pupil in relation to the skills set out in the National Curriculum programme of study and age related expectations.

Modern Foreign languages National Curriculum Purpose of Study

Aims - The national curriculum for Modern Foreign Languages aims to ensure that all pupils:

- ask and answer questions;
- use correct pronunciation and intonation;
- memorise words:
- interpret meaning;
- understand appropriate grammar;
- write at an appropriate level (words, phrases, sentences and paragraphs);
- use a dual language dictionary;
- look at life in another culture.

Progression of skills and knowledge in French KS2 – Listening and speaking					
Year 3 -	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6 –		
Listen to and respond to rhymes,	Listen and recognise words and	Understand basic opinions.	Understand the main points and		
stories and songs.	phrases eg Basic instructions.	Understand the main points from a	some of the detail from a short		
Listen to and respond to days of	Understand a range of familiar	spoken passage made up of	spoken passage. Eg sentences		
the week, a few words in a song,	spoken phrases eg. Basic phrases	familiar language eg phone	describing what someone is		
colours, numbers and praise	concerning one self, family and	message, weather forecast	wearing; an announcement;		
words.	school.	Listen and show	sentences describing opinions.		
Repeat modelled words.	Recognise a familiar question and	understanding of simple	Pronounce familiar words		
Listen and show understanding of	respond with a simple	sentences containing	accurately using		

single words through physical response.

Repeat modelled short phrases; listen and show understanding of short phrases through physical response.

Say or repeat a few words or phrases eg. What the weather is like, naming classroom objects.

rehearsed response.

Ask and answer a simple and familiar question with a response.

Express simple opinions such as likes, dislikes and preferences.

Ask and answer at least two simple and familiar questions with a response.

Memorise and present a short

Memorise and present a short spoken text containing basic information eg about pets, family, colour, age, common classroom objects. familiar words through physical response.

Lister and understand the main points from short, spoken material in French.

Lister and understand the main points and some detail from short, spoken material in French
Understand and express some simple opinions eg like or do not like.

Ask and answer simple questions eg. Favourite food, hobbies etc

knowledge of letter string sounds to support, observing silent letter rules.

Appreciate the impact of accents and elisions on sound and apply increasingly confidently when pronouncing words.

Start to predict the pronunciation of unfamiliar words in a sentence using knowledge of letter strings, liaison and silent letter rules.

Adapt intonation, for example to mark questions and exclamations. Participate in a simple conversation and express an opinion eg love enjoy.
Substitute items of vocabulary to vary questions or statements.
Pronounce words accurately and begin to develop intonation.

End of KS2 Expectation

Children listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.

Children engage in conversation; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help.

Children speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures

Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases.

Children present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.

Progression of skills and knowledge in French - KS2 - Reading and writing				
Year 3	Year 4 -	Year 5 –	Year 6 -	
Recognise and read a few simple	Read some words and phrases	Understand the main points from	Understand the main points and	
words or phrases	aloud and pronounce them	a short written text eg. Simple	some of the detail from a short	
Experiment with the writing of	accurately.	messages on a postcard/in an	written text.	
simple words. Be able to select	Write one or two short sentences	email.	Match sound to print by reading	
words to complete simple sentences	with support eg. Fill in the gaps	Write a few short sentences with	sentences aloud.	
or phrases.	with missing words.	support using words already	Begin to use a bilingual dictionary.	
	Begin to spell some commonly	learnt eg Postcard	Write a short text on a familiar	
	used words accurately eg .	Spell words that are readily	topic, adapting language already	
	colours, common objects	understandable	learnt eg Self, hobbies and interests.	
			Spell commonly used words	
			accurately.	

End of KS2 Expectation

Children read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.

Children broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.

Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud familiar words and phrases.

Children write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly.

Children describe people, places, things and actions in writing.

Year 3 -	Year 4 -	Year 5	Year 6 -
Show awareness of word classes	Show awareness of the position	Identify word classes	Recognise and use the simple
– nouns, adjectives, verbs and	and masculine/feminine	Demonstrate	future tense of a high
connectives and be aware of	agreement of adjectives and	understanding of	frequency verb; compare with
similarities in English.	start to demonstrate use.	gender and number of	English.
Name the gender of nouns;	Recognise a high frequency verb	nouns and use	Recognise and use the immediate
name the indefinite and	in the imperfect tense and in	appropriate	future tense of familiar verbs
definite articles for both	the simple future and use as	determiners;	in the first, second and third
genders and use correctly;	a set phrase.	Explain and apply the rules of	person singular; explain how
say how to make the plural	Conjugate a high frequency verb	position and agreement of	it's formed;
form of nouns;	(aller – to go) in the present	adjectives with increasing	Recognise and use the first and
Name the first and second person	tense; show awareness of	accuracy and confidence.	third person singular
singular subject pronouns; use	subject-verb agreement.	Name and use a range of	possessive adjectives (mon,
the correct form of some	Use the third person singular and	conjunctions to create	ma, mes, son, sa, ses).
regular and high frequency	plural of the verb 'être' in the	compound sentences.	Use the third person plural of a
verbs in the present tense with	present tense.	Use some adverbs;	few high frequency verbs in the
first and second person;		Use a simple negative form (ne	present tense.
Name the third person singular		pas)	Name all subject pronouns and
subject pronouns; use the		Demonstrate the use of first,	use to conjugate a high
present tense of some high		second and third person	frequency verb in the present
frequency verbs in the third		singular pronouns with some	tense.
person singular;		regular and high frequency	Recognise and use a high
		verbs in present tense and	frequency verb in the perfect
		apply subject-verb agreement	tense; compare with English.
		Explain and use elision; state the	Follow a pattern to conjugate a
		differences and similarities	regular verb in the present tense;
		with English	
		Recognise and use the simple	

future tense of a high frequency verb; compare with	Choose the correct tense of a verb (present/perfect/imperfect/future)
English;	according to context

End of KS2 Expectation

Children understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.