The Teaching and Learning of French at St Mark's CE School (KS2)

At St Mark's we have chosen to teach French as a foreign language in years 3 – 6 to foster pupils' curiosity and deepen their understanding about the world and other cultures. Our sequence of teaching aims to enable the children to express their thoughts and ideas in another language and to understand and respond to speakers in both speech and in writing. We have sequenced the language content and grammatical progression across the years to provide opportunities for the children to review their prior knowledge in the vocabulary and structures of the language.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3		Moi (All		Spring 2 –		Summer 1 –
		about me)		Jeux et		On fait la fête
				chansons		(celebrations)
				(games and		
				songs)		
Year 4		Portraits		L'argent de		On y va!
		(Portraits)		poche		(transport
				(pocket		and weather)
				money)		
Year 5		Raconte-moi		Vive le		Les Carnival
		une histoire		sport! (Our		des Animaux
		(Tell me a		sporting		(The Carnival
		story!)		lives)		of the
						Animals
Year 6		Bon appétit,		Je suis le		En route
		bonne santé		musician (I		pour l'école
		(healthy		am the		(On the way
		eating)		music man)		to school)

French Overview

Year 3 French		
Objectives:		
 Listen attentively to spoken language and show understan Explore patterns and sounds of language through songs an meanings of words. Appreciate songs in the language. engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express 	d link the spelling, so	ound and
others	ss opinions and respe	
 Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that other 	vers understand whe	n they are
using familiar words and phrases.		in they are
Curriculum Content	Grammatical Progression	Rationale
Autumn 2 - Moi (All about me)	Match simple	The purpose
	phrases with	of this unit is
Core Language:	pictures.	to introduce
Bonjour! Hello!		some simple
Salut! Hi!	Introduce concept	French
ça va? How are you?	of J'ai as	phrases and
ça va bien/mal. I'm fine/not	possession.	greetings, to
Et Toi? And You?	Construct own	raise
Au Revoir! Goodbye!	verbal phrases	awareness where French
Monsieur/Madame Sir/Mrs/Miss Oui, Non Yes, No	through listening	is spoken and
Je m'appelle My name is	and repeating.	to draw
Comment tu t'appelles What is your name?		attention to
Voici Here is		some cultural
		differences.
1-10: un, deux, troi, quatre, cinq, seis, sept, huit, neuf, dix		
J'ai I have		
Quel âge as tu? How old are you?		
J'ai sept/hui tans. I am 7/8 years old.		
Spring 2 – Jeux et chansons (games and songs)	Match simple	There is the
Review Language from unit 1 (greetings and responses and numbers to	phrases with	opportunity in
10).	pictures.	this unit to
Core Language:		recap
	Introduction of	numbers 1-10
11–20: onze, douze, treize, quatorze, quinze, seize, dix-sept, dix-huit,	plurals when there	learnt in unit
dix-neuf, vingt	is more than 1 animal e.g. les	1 through rhymes and
Combien de? How many?	chats, les chiens.	games. The
Je préfère I prefer	Children learn that	children start
J'ai I have	the pronunciation	to be able to
C'est It is	is the same as the	give simple
	singular (chat and	verbal
	chien), unlike in	opinions on
	English.	their
		preferences,
	Construct own	repeating
	verbal phrases	questions and
	through listening	answers.
	and repeating.	1

Summer 1 – On fait la fête (cel	Match simple	The purpose	
Review Language from unit 1 a	phrases with	for this unit is	
numbers to 20).		pictures.	for children to
			learn to talk
Core Language:			about the
		First person verb	achievements
(tres) <mark>bien</mark>	very well/good	e.g. <u>je</u> nage	in games and
Je joue bien au football.	I'm good at playing football.		activities.
Je nage bien.	I'm a good swimmer.	No capitalisation	They also
Je nage	I swim/I'm swimming.	for months.	learn the
Je danse	I dance/I'm dancing.		names of the
Je chante	l sing/l'm singing.	Construct own	moths and a
Je lis	I read/I'm reading.	verbal phrases	birthday
Bravo!	Well done!	through listening	greeting.
Super! Chouette!	Super! Cool!	and repeating.	They start to
Fantastique!	Fantastic!		be able to talk
Je suis/ Tu es un genie	I am/you are a genius!		about
Joyeux anniversaire!	Happy Birthday!		themselves
Les Mois: Janvier, Fevrier, Mar		using first	
septembre, octobre, novembre		person verbs.	
Je peux/Je Peux?	I can/can I?		

	Year 4 Frei	nch	
Objectives:			
 Listen attentively to spoker 	h language and show u	inderstanding by joining	in and responding
 Explore patterns and sound 			
meanings of words.		i songs and link the spen	
<u> </u>	nd rhymos in the lang	1250	
- Appreciate songs, poems a			l soon and to the soo of
 engage in conversations; as 	sk and answer questio	ns; express opinions and	respond to those or
others			
- Develop accurate pronunci		o that others understan	d when they are
using familiar words and pl			
 Understand basic grammar 			
and patterns of the langua			
 Read carefully and show ur 	-	, phrases and simple wri	ting.
Curriculum Cont	ent	Grammatical	Rationale
		Progression	
Autumn 2 – Portraits (Portraits)		Make children aware	The main purpose of
		of some similarities	this unit is to teach
Core Language:		between English and	the main parts of the
Les couleurs:	The colours	French grammar.	body and colours.
rouge	red		The children are
rose	pink	-Review from year 3 to	exposed to
jaune	yellow	add –s if the word is	masculine and
bleu(e)	blue	plural e.g. les yeux	feminine forms for
vert(e)	green	bleus.	the first time and use
noir(e)	black	-the position of the	them in their own verbal phrases and
blanc(he)	white	adjective of colour in	sentences.
violet(te) (Add —s to all of the	purple	French comes after the	sentences.
Marron (invariabl		noun and not before	
Orange (invariab	-	e.g. un nez rouge (a	
J'ai	I have	red nose).	
un nez	a nose	,	
une bouche	a mouth	-adjectives change	
des yeux	the eyes	according to whether	
un bras	an arm	the word is masculine	
une jambe	a leg	or feminine e.g. le nez	
II/Elle a	He/She has	bleu, la bouche bleue.	
le nez bleu	a blue nose		
la bouche bleue		Construct own verbal	
les yeux bleus	blue eyes	phrases through	
II/Elle est grand(e)/petit(e)	He/She is big/small	listening and	
		repeating.	
Spring 2 – L'argent de poche (pocket r	noney)	Children will be able to	This unit builds on
Review counting to 20 from year 3.		identify positive and	the number
Core Language:	Like	negative phrases.	knowledge and
J'aime	l like	Childron to accention t	expression of
Je n'aime pas L'adoro	I don't like	Children to construct	preferences from
J'adore Je déteste	I love I hate	their own phrases in written form.	Year 3. They now
	that	written form.	have the opportunity to manipulate
ça	ulat		numbers, as well as
21-30: vingt et un, vingt-deux, vingt-ti	ois, vingt-quatre		expressing likes and
vingt-cinq, vingt-six, vingt-sept, vingt-			dislikes with a wider
			phrase bank and

C'est combine un euro C'est super/magnifique/fant great/magnificent/fantastic J'ai Je n'ai pas de	one euro tastique lt's I have		colour language that can be applied from the autumn term learning.
Summer 2 – On y va! (transp	port and weather)	Children to construct	This unit integrates
Core Language:		their own sentences in written form and read written words.	the days of the week, transport and weather in the
Je vais à l'école.	I go/I'm going to school.		context of travel.
à pied	on foot	Children learn that	
en voiture	by car	final consonants in	The children now
en vélo	by bike	French words are often	move from phrase,
en bus	by bus	non pronounced e.g.	to constructing their
en train	by train	fait, vais etc.	own simple
Où vas tu?	Where are you going?		sentences in written
Je vais	l'm going		form with a partner
en Belgique	to Belgium		for support.
en France	to France		
Il fait Chaud.	lt is hot.		They try to develop
Il fait froid.	It is cold.		their pronunciation
Il fait beau.	It's fine weather.		by considering the
Il fait mauvais.	It's bad weather.		consonants
Il fait du soleil.	It is sunny.		specifically.
Il fait du vent.	It is windy.		
ll pleut.	It is raining.		
-	Days of the week Mon-Sun: lundi, mardi, mercredi, jeudi,		
vendredi, samedi, dimanche			

	Year 5 French				
Objectives:					
 Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. Explore patterns and sounds of language through songs and link the spelling, sound and 					
 meanings of words. Appreciate songs, p 	oems and rhymes in the lan	guage.			
- engage in conversat	ions; ask and answer questi		respond to those of		
others - Develop accurate pr	onunciation and intonation	so that others understand	d when they are		
using familiar words		so that others understand	a when they are		
	ammar appropriate to the l				
	language (including where r how understanding of word				
- Broaden their vocab	oulary and develop their abil		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
 Present ideas and in 					
Curriculum	Content	Grammatical Progression	Rationale		
Autumn 2 – Raconte-moi une l	histoire (Tell me a storyl)	The purpose of this unit	As well as teaching		
Review counting to 30		is to raise children's	the children to use		
Core Language:	,	awareness of simple	simple French		
Regarde	z. Look.	adjective agreement and	instructions, it also		
Répetéz	-	French sounds/spellings.	teaches multiples of		
Écoutez.	Listen.		ten, up to 100,		
		-investigate the use of	building on their		
Numbers 40-100: quarante, cinquante, soixante, soixante- dix, quatre-vingts, quatre-vingt-dix, cent.		on/an/en and work on the correct pronunciation.	number knowledge from years 3 and 4.		
II/Elle est	t He/She is				
Grand (e) big	-Recap the rule for			
Petit (e		adding (e) for the			
vrai/fau	x true/false	masculine and feminine forms of adjectives.			
		forms of adjectives.			
		-Children to write their			
		own sentences using the			
		feminine and masculine rule.			
Spring 2 – Vive le sport! (Our	sporting lives)	-The use of je fais du/de	The purpose of this		
Review days of the week from		la and je joue au.	unit is to give		
Core Language:		Although de la is correct,	children the		
		de la combines to make	opportunity to talk		
Qu'est-ce que tu fais (lundi)?	What are you doing/do you	du. Similarly á la is	about sports and		
do on Monday(s)?	I play tappia /kaskathall	correct but á la	healthy and		
Je joue au tennis/basket. Je joue au cricket.	I play tennis/basketball I play cricket.	combines to make au.	unhealthy eating habits. They have		
Je fais du vélo.	I ride my bike/go cycling.	-pronunciation of words	the opportunity to		
Je fais du skate.	I go skateboarding.	with the 'on' sound.	retrieve language		
Je fais de la danse/natation.	I dance/swim.		from previous units		
	zero	Children are encouraged	when giving		
zéro					
boire	to drink	to add their own ideas	preferences.		
boire manger	to drink to eat	into sentences and	preferences.		
boire	to drink		preferences.		

une pomme an apple		
les carottes carrots		
le chocolat chocolate		
le coca cola		
les pommes frites chips		
les bonbons sweets		
Oui, c'est bon pour la santé Yes, it's good for your health		
Non, c'est mauvais pour la santé. No it's bad for your		
health.		
Summer 2 – Les Carnival des Animaux (The Carnival of the	Review masculine and	The purpose of this
Animals)	feminine endings of	unit is to extend the
Review counting to 100 from year 3, 4 and 5.	adjectives from year 4	children's vocabulary
Core Language:	and the start of year 5.	by teaching them the
		names of some
Où habites-tu? Where do you live?	Children start to work	animals and how to
J'habite dans I live in	out meanings of words	tell the time in
Je suis I am	themselves, by looking	French. It also
petit(e) small	for similarities with	provides the
grand(e) big	English.	opportunity to recap
lent(e) slow		numbers and use
rapide fast	-explore and practise the	them in a useful
fort(e) strong	pronunciation of the 'oi'	context.
faible weak	sound.	
féroce fierce		
timide shy	Children write their own	
Quelle heure est il? What time is it?	sentences, choosing the	
	correct form of	
Une heure, deux heures, trois heures, quatre heures, cinq		
heures, six heures, sept heures, huit heures, neuf heures,	aloud.	
dix heures: one o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock, four		
o'clock, five o'clock, six o'clock, seven o'clock, eight o'clock,	,	
nine o'clock, ten o'clock.		
Il est midi. It is midday.		
Il est minuit. It is miduay.		

Voa	r 6 French	
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Objectives:	and chow understanding by joining	in and recoording
- Listen attentively to spoken language a		
 Explore patterns and sounds of langua moonings of words 	ige through songs and link the spen	ing, sound and
meanings of words.Appreciate songs, poems and rhymes	in the language	
 Appreciate songs, poems and mymes engage in conversations; ask and answ 		respond to those of
others	ver questions, express opinions and	riespond to those of
 Develop accurate pronunciation and ir 	atonation so that others understand	d when they are
using familiar words and phrases.	tonation so that others understand	a when they are
 Understand basic grammar appropriat 	e to the language being studied, in	cluding key features
and patterns of the language (includin		
forms); how to apply these, for instance	-	
similar to English.		
- Read carefully and show understandin	g of words, phrases and simple wri	ting.
- Present ideas and information orally to		
 Broaden their vocabulary and develop 		
introduced into familiar written mater	ial, including the use of a dictionary	/.
 Engage in conversations; ask and answ 		
Curriculum Content	Grammatical Progression	Rationale
Autumn 2 – Bon appétit, bonne santé (healthy	Review feminine and masculine	This unit allows
eating)	forms from years 4 and 5.	children to revise and
Core Language:	Make children owere that the	extend language
Dans le sac, il y a In the bag, there is et and	Make children aware that the words may change depending on	about healthy and unhealthy eating and
aussi also	whether the word that follows is	expressing
mais but	masculine, feminine or plural:	preferences from
Il est bon/mauvais It is	au with masculine nouns (un	year 5.
good/bad (m) Elle est bonne mauvaise It is	gâteau au chocolat), à la with	
good/bad for your health (f)	feminine nouns (à la fraise), and	
Ils sont bons/mauvais They are good/bad (m.pl) Elles sont bonnes/mauvaises They are good/bad	aux with all plural words (une pizza aux champignons)	
(f.pl)		
(-start to differentiate between	
	masculine singular and plural and	
	feminine singular and plural.	
	-remind the children that the –s in	
	plural words is not pronounced.	
	-children construct their own	
	sentences using description.	
Spring 2– Je suis le musician (I am the music	Grouping of masculine and	This unit reinforces
man)	feminine nouns e.g. masculine	the opportunity to
Review opinion language from years 4 and 5:	nouns are preceded by 'du' and	express preferences
J'aime, J'adore, Je n'aime pas, je deteste etc. Core Language:	feminine nouns are preceded by 'de la'.	and the use of key verbs, as in years 4
Tu joues? Do you play?		and 5. The children
Je joue du saxophone/piano/violon I play the	Start to understand the concept of	extend their
saxophone/piano/violin	French register: you speak to	vocabulary by
Je joue de la guitar/clarinette/batterie I play	friends and young people using	learning the names
the guitar/clarinet/drums	'tu', and use 'vous' for older people	of musical
Je ne joue pas de/d' I don't play		instruments. They

Il/elle joue	He/she plays	or those who you wish to show	extend their writing
C'est genial!	It's brilliant!	respect to or politeness.	skills, moving from
C'est nul!	It's rubbish!	-focus on the pronunciation of 'u'	sentences to a short
e est nui.		and 'ou'.	paragraph.
		-start to consider intonation of	paraBrapin
		certain words.	
		- children begin to construct their	
		own paragraphs, using highlighted	
		texts as a guide.	
Summer 2 – En route pou	Ir l'école (On the way	Explore the French and English	The purpose of this
to school)	. ,	similarities and differences	unit is to teach
Core Language:		between the pronunciation of	simple directions and
		individual letters. Children practise	familiar landmarks in
Quand je vais á l'école	When I go to school	spelling French words using their	a town. They also
Je passe devant	I pass infront of	new knowledge of the alphabet.	learn the French
Je traverse la rue	I cross the road		alphabet and extend
Je tourne	l turn	-learn that an end of word	on their ability to tell
Je vais	l go	consonant that usually remains	the time from Year 5.
Cinq minutes plus tard	five minutes later	silent is pronounced when it is	
Finalement	finally	followed by a vowel e.g. droite	
Vrai, faux	true, false	when compared to droit.	
Il est une heure et demie			
etc: it's half past one, half		-children begin to construct their	
Je vais à l'école à huit he	ures et demie. I go to	own paragraphs, using highlighted	
school at half past eight.		texts as a guide. They may be able	
à droite	to/on the right	to start using sequencers e.g. apres	
à gauche	to/on the left	ça, ensuite, et puis.	
tout droit	straight ahead		
Je ne comprends pas.	I don't understand.	-Present their work to the class or	
Répétez s'il vous plait.	Repeat, please.	other audiences.	