

Curriculum overview for parents and carers

French 2026/27

A summary of key French learning for Year 3 to Year 6.

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	Year 3		
Unit 1	**French greetings with puppets** Learning French greetings and introductions through puppets and role play. Pupils practise using a range of greetings and learn how to choose the appropriate greeting according to the time of day.	Unit 2	**French adjectives of colour, size and shape** Describing shapes using French adjectives for colour and size. Pupils learn how adjectives are positioned in relation to nouns, identify cognates between English and French and apply their knowledge when describing objects.
Unit 3	**French playground games – numbers and age** Learning to count from 1 to 12 in French and use numbers in simple conversations. Pupils ask and answer questions about age and compare similarities and differences between French and English sentence structures.	Unit 4	**In a French classroom (five lessons)** **A circle of life in French (two lessons)** Responding to common classroom instructions and learning vocabulary for familiar classroom items. Pupils take part in games to develop their understanding and learn that French nouns are categorised as either masculine or feminine. Building French vocabulary for animals and habitats by using dictionary skills to find and understand new words. Pupils apply their language knowledge to create simple sentences.

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	Year 4		
Unit 1	**Portraits – describing in French** Describing people in French by learning vocabulary for physical appearance and personality. Pupils create simple sentences and apply their understanding of adjective agreement to match the gender of the noun.	Unit 2	**Clothes – getting dressed in French** Learning vocabulary for clothing and using the correct forms of the indefinite article. Pupils describe outfits in French and begin to express and justify simple opinions about what people are wearing.
Unit 3	**French numbers, calendars and birthdays** Learning the numbers 1–31, days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through songs, games and surveys. Pupils apply their knowledge by researching and discussing the dates of French festivals.	Unit 4	**French food – Miam, miam !** Learning French vocabulary for food, prices and shopping. Pupils revise numbers to 100 in the context of money, develop their language detective skills and build confidence in practical conversations about buying food.

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	Year 5		
Unit 1	**French monster pets** Consolidating French grammar by revising noun gender, articles, adjective agreement and sentence structure. Pupils apply their knowledge by selecting the correct articles, ensuring adjectives agree with nouns and placing adjectives in the correct position within sentences.	Unit 2	**Shopping in France** Learning how to construct larger numbers and use a wider range of food-related vocabulary. Pupils build on their understanding of sentence structure, questions and key phrases.
Unit 3	**Verbs in a French week** Further developing knowledge of French grammar by identifying infinitive verbs and subject pronouns. Pupils learn how verbs can be grouped, recognise the difference between regular and irregular verbs and apply this knowledge in simple sentences.	Unit 4	**Meet my French family** Learning vocabulary for family members and relationships while using the possessive adjective 'my' and language to express likes and dislikes. Pupils develop their writing skills using and reorganising familiar words and phrases to compose a short written text.

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	Year 6		
Unit 1	**French sport and the Olympics** Developing French grammar and speaking skills by learning to conjugate the verb aller (to go) and use the correct prepositions. Pupils learn sports vocabulary and express preferences using the infinitive form of verbs.	Unit 2	**In my French house** Describing homes in French by learning vocabulary for different rooms and the people who live there. Pupils develop their understanding of prepositions to explain where items are located within a bedroom and create simple descriptions of a house.
Unit 3	**Planning a French holiday** Using present and near-future tenses to talk about holidays and travel. Pupils learn vocabulary related to packing a suitcase and planning a journey, applying their language skills to discuss future plans and activities.	Unit 4	**Visiting a town in France** Developing French communication skills by learning vocabulary for transport, directions and prepositional phrases. Pupils practise expressing opinions and apply their language knowledge to talk about a trip to France.

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