Year 7 French Curriculum Overview

Rationale for Year group & Skills: In French students will undertake 3 lessons per fortnight. The Year 7 curriculum is designed, initially, to teach students how to learn a language effectively. Lessons incorporate the four key literacy skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening, build on their KS2 English literacy knowledge. Students gradually develop their vocabulary from word, sentence and finally text level. They will learn to communicate effectively about people, places and things. Furthermore, they will a develop a passion for language learning and explore different cultures and traditions. Most lessons will develop their collaboration skills, as they will work in pairs and groups regularly. Much of the lessons will involve speaking, which will build confidence and resilience.

TERM		Assessment/Teacher Feedback Opportunities CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT All assessments are closed book, taking place during the half termly assessment and students will receive personalised individual feedback on these assessments.	Homework and Literacy resources 30 minutes every week
Autumn Term	Topic 1 : Language Familiarisation	Assessment	Homework:
	This unit of work focuses on understanding how to apply KS Literacy knowledge of verbs, nouns and adjectives in a new language. Key phonics are introduced and reinforced across the year, as they expand their knowledge of vocabulary. This will include including greetings, body parts, colours,	Students will find, recognise and recall single nouns and adjectives including colours, numbers, body parts Halloween words. They will use a bi-lingual dictionary to find words, genders and plurals.	Vocabulary: 10-15 words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons. Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.
	numbers (1-10) and students will begin to learn to give opinions.	Skills for assessment	How to revise:
		Reading and writing skills.	1. Look, cover, write / say aloud, check

Skills

Every lesson students develop their speaking, reading, listening and writing skills. They will begin with word level and sentence level.

The key concepts of cognates, gender (definite articles) and plural nouns are introduced.

Students begin to use a bi-lingual dictionary to develop their knowledge, skills and accuracy.

Different techniques to remember words and short sentences are established.

Students will improve their collaboration skills and build confidence, as they work in pairs and groups regularly. Much of these lessons will involve speaking, developing their resilience and perseverance skills.

Wider experiences

Students will start to develop a curiosity about the world around them and different cultures, traditions and festivals including Halloween and La Toussaint. There will be an International Project on Indonesia.

- 2. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers
- 3. Use a language website e.g. www. frenchgames.net (play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing)
- 4. Make flashcards and test yourself English on one side / French on the back

Optional - Y7 Enrichment opportunities

https://www.duolingo.com/

Duolingo. Build up your knowledge of new words / phrases and topics and move up the levels independently. Register for free.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwncKx6AJGs
(Phonics / pronunciation)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VOhQ2V4E14
(Accents in French)

https://www.french-games.net/frenchlessons?topic=Numbers%20-

<u>%201%20to%2010&level=primary</u>
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French-games.net to practise key vocabulary covered in lessons. E.g. numbers 1-20:

https://www.youtube.com/@learnfrenchwithalexa

Learn French with Alexa

Easy to follow YouTube videos made by a native speaker which cover many topics in this unit.

Spring Term	Topic 2 : All about Me	Assessment	Homework:
	Knowledge Students will learn to communicate effectively with others in the present tense. They will learn to ask and answer questions about people / places including understanding and giving information about names, where they live (countries), birthdays and ages (numbers / dates) Skills Forming questions, French word order, phonics Reading, writing, speaking, listening. They will begin to construct longer sentences using conjunctions. They will begin to justify their opinions. This unit of work builds on the work from Autumn I and continues to develop collaboration, confidence with oracy and research skills. Wider experiences Christmas in France, including the Krampus festival and comparing festivals in different countries.	Students will understand and ask and answer questions about their name, age, birthdays and where they live. Skills for Assessment Speaking (assessed on pronunciation, intonation and fluency).	Vocabulary: 10-15 words based on the previous lessons or in preparation for the next lessons. Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words. How to revise: 5. Look, cover, write / say aloud, check 6. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers 7. Use a language website e.g. www. frenchgames.net (play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing) 8. Make flashcards and test yourself - English on one side / French on the back Optional - Y7 Enrichment opportunities https://www.memrise.com/en/learn-french Your online, personal AI language tutor will teach you how to speak French like a local. Memrise is an online learning tool which introduces new words or revisits vocabulary learned during lessons. It helps young learners to remember vocab by using flashcards augmented with mnemonics. You can register for free.

Spring	Topic 3 : My family	Assessment	https://www.youtube.com/@learnfrenchwithalexa Learn French with Alexa Easy to follow YouTube videos made by a native speaker which cover many topics from this unit such as numbers, birthdays, ages. https://www.language-gym.com/ Online, interactive games of varying difficulties to practise listening, reading, writing and speaking. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaDC26hCW40 Fairy Tales in French Homework:
	Students will be able to describe people including using a range of adjectives and intensifiers. They will describe personality and physical appearance. Time phrases will be introduced to extend their sentences and refer to the future. Skills The concept of gender is reinforced with indefinite articles and negatives. They will be able to compare people using key verbs: j'ai / je suis, il/elle est and correct adjective endings. Phonics focus – pronunciation of all letters. Wider Experiences Careers with languages in different industries.	 Listening Assessment-Recognise and translate sentences about family /pets / singular / plural nouns Students will be assessed on a piece of writing about themselves and their family including: personality and physical description of themselves and their family, where they live and their nationality and a description of their pets. 	30 minutes every week Vocabulary learning using look, cover, copy, check. Tested at home. Parent / carer / sibling to test you. Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words. How to revise: 9. Look, cover, write / say aloud, check 10. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers 11. Use a language website e.g. www. frenchgames.net (play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing)

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	Research about families / nationalities in France	SKILLS FOR ASSESSMENT	12. Make flashcards and test yourself - English on
	today.	Listening / Writing skills.	one side / French on the back
	Festivals – Celebrations such as Carnaval and		
	Easter and comparing these across French speaking countries.	Writing accurately, using j'ai/je suis/il est/elle est correctly to describe physical appearance and personality with correct adjectival agreements. Use of negatives and possessive adjectives mon/ma/mes.	Optional - Y7 Enrichment opportunities https://www.french- games.net/frenchlessons?topic=Body%20- %20hair%20colour%20and%20style&level=primary French-games.net to practise key vocabulary covered in lessons. E.g. describing hair and eyes:
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Summer	Topic 4: House / home	Assessment	Homework:
(8 weeks)	Topic III I adde / Home	Students will be assessed on their	
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This unit of work focuses on knowledge of places including types of houses and locations, rooms in the house and furniture. This unit will reinforce the knowledge of justifying opinions, definite and indefinite articles and introduce prepositions. There will be an emphasis on learning and conjugating a variety of verbs to discuss what they do at home. They will learn how to form the past tense using *depuis*.

Skills

There will now be the opportunity for students to extend their writing skills and write more extensively in a detailed text, incorporating all the grammar from this year. Students will develop presentation skills, oracy and confidence.

Wider experience

Researching French house, styles, locations and geography such as lakes, forests, cities, countryside regions of France.

of vocab including types of house/locations of house/rooms in the house/opinion phrases/sports and other free time activities at home.

Skills for assessment

Listening skills.

Students will have to use their knowledge of French cognates to correctly identify and decipher words aurally. An element of the assessment will include a dictation whereby students must listen to a French text and write what they hear. Students must be clear on the distinct difference between certain French and English phonics and spellings (e.g. oi, é, an, en).

Vocabulary learning using look, cover, copy, check. Tested at home. Parent / carer / sibling to test you. Revise twice or three times per week in 10-15 minute slots to be able to remember words.

How to revise:

- 13. Look, cover, write / say aloud, check
- 14. Get somebody at home to test you and check your answers
- 15. Use a language website e.g. www. frenchgames.net (play the games to learn the words – listening / reading / writing)
- 16. Make flashcards and test yourself English on one side / French on the back

Optional - Y7 Enrichment opportunities

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2yhrAcRMwA
10 beautiful towns in France

https://www.french-

games.net/frenchlessons?topic=Home%20-%20rooms%20in%20the%20house&level=primary

French-games.net to practise key vocabulary covered in lessons. E.g. rooms in the house:

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsdPNnZ9WU4 Fairy Tales – Three little pigs