



Foreign Languages Newsletter Autumn Term 2023

The children across school have all been really busy in French lessons this term. We have continued developing our knowledge of French phonics, grammar and vocabulary and the children are all making super progress.

This term we have been linking up with our partner schools in France, Germany and Spain and have written letters and cards to them. We also celebrated European Day of Languages and celebrated the languages spoken at home by many of our amazing children.

Our global work is fantastic for our children and I am looking forward to going to London in January to collect our International Schools Award from the British Council. This award is testament to the super work everyone in our school community has done over the last few years. Miss Lupton.

Reception - Miss Lupton

Reception children have had a great start to learning French and I hope you enjoyed their French song in the Christmas performance. The children have been learning French greetings, numbers, colours and finger rhymes and are joining in fantastically well and developing great pronunciation already!

Year 1 - Mrs Merritt

Year 1 have been absolute language superstars this term and are becoming so confident at greetings, colours, numbers, months and seasons. As well as using their speaking, listening and recognising skills, they have all been able to write their birthday month in French. Additionally, the children all wrote their own special Christmas greeting cards, which have been sent to the children at our partner primary school in Bordeaux and have most recently been learning some Christmas vocabulary in preparation for learning about gender and nouns. Joyeux noel!

Year 2 - Miss Lupton

Year 2 children have been working really hard practising key greetings and giving personal information. They have also been learning their numbers to 20 out of sequence and learning about the gender of nouns. In the last few weeks, children have enjoyed designing their own monsters and labelling the body parts and colours in French. They have loved singing songs, including "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and enjoyed reading stories together in French.

Year 3 - Miss Lupton

Year 3 have had a super term where they have continued learning about French phonics and making links between spelling and sound. They have also gained understanding of the gender of nouns and in particular classroom objects vocabulary. They have also developed their knowledge of greetings and personal information and learnt how to recognise, say and correctly write the date using numbers to 31. The children are developing writing skills, from copying nouns accurately to writing sentences. Well done to everyone!

Year 4 - Mrs Merritt

Year 4 have had a brilliant term, beginning with a recap of basic greetings, questions and answers, days, months and seasons, as well as being able to say and write their birthday in full. They have learnt how to talk and write about their family and friends and, in doing so, further reinforced their understanding of gender, verbs and the use of first and third person. Most recently, the children have been learning how to describe the weather in different months and seasons and have been able to give a short weather forecast for some key cities in France, locating them on the map first.

Year 5 - Miss Lupton

Year 5 have had a great term and their pronunciation and phonics knowledge is really progressing. The children have enjoyed learning about school life in France this term. We have revised classroom vocabulary and learnt about articles using places in our school. They have progressed their knowledge of "er verbs" and time by learning to recognise, say and write what they do at school. They enjoyed finding out about life at our link school and in particular enjoyed looking at the French school menu. They have then moved on to learning key food vocabulary and have learnt to give their opinions and ask for food in a shop or market.

Year 6 - Miss Lupton

Year 6 have been really impressive this term, in particular with their knowledge of French phonics which is truly wonderful. They are really a pleasure to teach and I am delighted with how independent they are in French lessons.

In addition to phonics, the children have spent this term developing knowledge of verbs and grammar and have written fabulous letters in French about their hobbies and interests. We have sent these over to our link school and await their replies.

We have recently moved on to developing language knowledge and skills and will be designing and describing our own dream houses using a range of singular and plural nouns and adjectives and a range of sentence structures.

Finally, we have sent letters to our link school in Spain, El Cim, who will be visiting us in February. After Christmas we will be starting a small unit of practical Spanish to help prepare for the Barcelona/ York visits.

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Joyeux Noël et Bonnes vacances.

Miss Lupton