



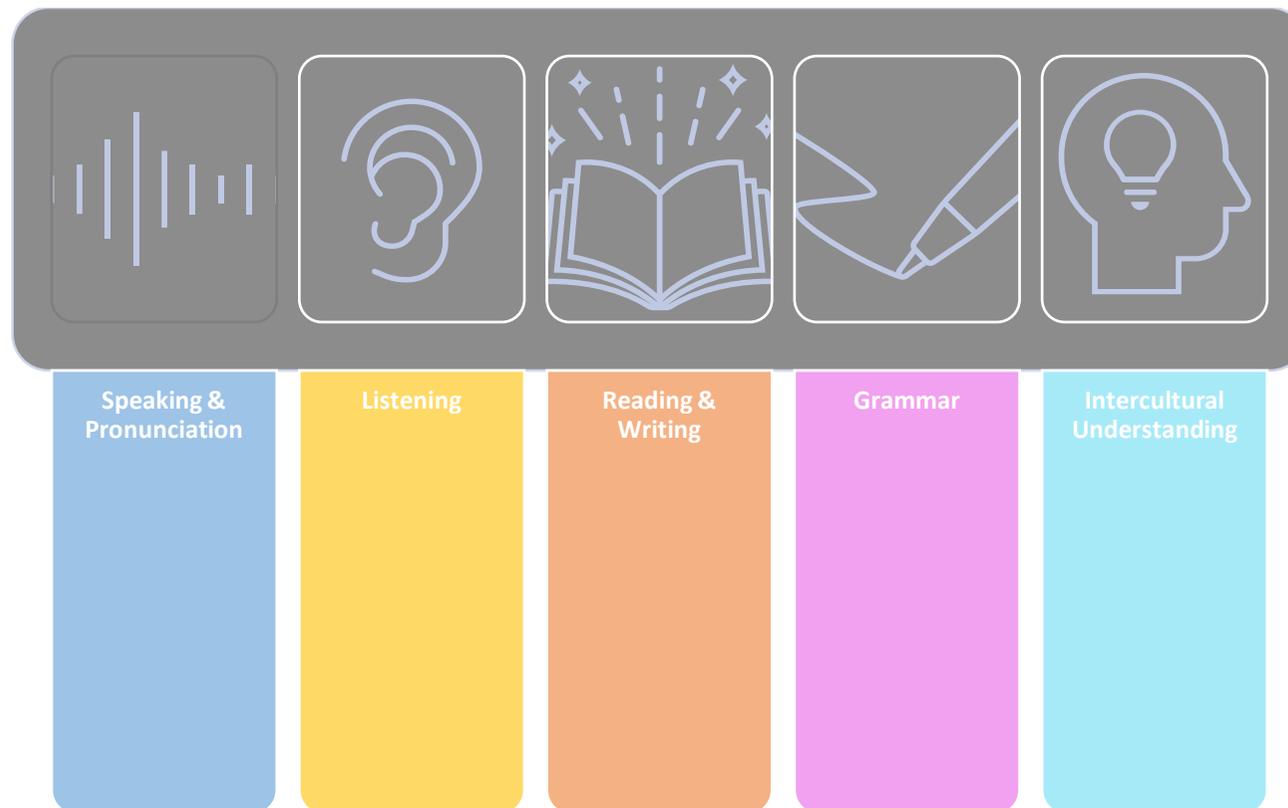
MFL Curriculum Overview



"With God, All Things are Possible."

Our Approach

We use the **Kapow** French Scheme as the base for our MFL curriculum. Our **cyclical** curriculum focuses on the development of our pupils language learning skills, which we call **language detective skills**. These techniques underpin our 5 core curriculum strands below and our pupils revisit these throughout KS2. Each time they revisit an aspect of key vocabulary and grammar, it is with **increasing complexity** to build on their **prior knowledge** and develop **fluency**. Each taught unit each half term has a different vocabulary focus, which is highlighted in our curriculum overview.



Vocabulary

Unlike other curriculum subjects, the word 'vocabulary' in language learning refers to the building blocks of the subject itself rather than a simple list of relevant vocabulary. In other words, whereas vocabulary in other subjects helps develop a framework glossary of understanding, in French the vocabulary grows into more of a dictionary of knowledge chunks.

However, language learning does not necessarily progress simply because our vocabulary widens. In our lessons, vocabulary is taught discretely, but always with the aim of moving from simple recall of a word to a deeper understanding of how it is used in the context of sentence structure and grammar. Individual items of vocabulary need to be understood, learned, recalled, re-encountered and recycled in different topics and in different sentence forms as our learners' progress in their understanding of language and grammar.

Below are our topics we teach in French, which are each hyperlinked to our knowledge organisers, which show the specific vocabulary taught and learnt within and across each topic. Click each link to explore the vocabulary.

Y3	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Knowledge & Skills	<p>French greeting with puppets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using puppets to practise a variety of French greetings. Learning how to introduce themselves. Choosing the correct greeting based on the time of day. 	<p>French adjectives of colour, size and shape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing shapes using adjectives of colour and size. Learning the position of adjectives relative to the noun. Noting cognates and practising language skills 	<p>French playground games- numbers and age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Counting in French from one to twelve. Asking how old someone is and answering the same question. Comparing sentence structures in French and English. 	<p>In a French classroom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responding to common classroom instructions through games. Learning vocabulary for classroom items. Understanding that every French noun is either 'masculine' or 'feminine.' 	<p>French transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using detective skills to spot cognates and working out meaning. Learning new transport-related vocabulary. Constructing sentences using parts of the verb 'aller' – to go. 	<p>A circle of life in French</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using dictionary skills to develop animal vocabulary and habitat names. Applying this vocabulary to create sentences and complete food chains.
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Y4	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Knowledge & Skills	<p>Portraits-describing in French</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning adjectives for describing people's physical appearance and their personality. Creating simple sentences ensuring that the adjectives agree with the gender of the noun. 	<p>Clothes-getting dressed in French</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning vocabulary to describe items of clothing, along with the different forms of the indefinite article. Revise use of Y3 adjectives of colour and size with clothes. Expressing opinions about outfits in French. 	<p>French numbers, calendars and birthdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning French numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths and songs and class surveys. Researching the dates of French festivals. 	<p>French weather & water cycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points. Counting from 1-100 in multiples of ten. Combining this knowledge to make statements about what the temperature is. 	<p>French food-miam, miam!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning food vocabulary and application in a cafe. Revising numbers to 100, this time in the context of money and prices. Developing language detective skills and confidence with practical conversational French. 	<p>French & the Eurovision Song Contest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revising vocabulary from Year 3 and 4 by writing original songs in French. Learning additional musical vocabulary. Expanding their knowledge of the French names for European countries.
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Y5	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Knowledge & Skills	<p>French monster pets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit animal vocabulary from Y3. Revising noun gender, using the correct article to go with nouns. Making adjectives agree with the noun they describe. Sentence constructions, placing the adjectives in the correct place. 	<p>Space exploration in French</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using figurative language. Developing sentence structure by adding adjectives. Using prepositions and making simple adjectival comparisons. 	<p>Shopping in France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning to construct high numbers in French. Developing food-related vocabulary further through application in shopping. Building on their understanding of sentence structures, questions and phrases. 	<p>French speaking world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning about French speaking countries. Learning to give and follow directions in French. Discussing climate and using comparative language. 	<p>Verbs in a week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying the infinitive form of verbs and subject pronouns. Grouping French verbs. Learning that there are regular and irregular verbs. 	<p>Meet my French family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning family and relations vocabulary. The possessive adjective: 'my' and 'how' to express likes and dislikes. Learning to compose a written composition by recycling and re-ordering known words and phrases.
Vocab	French monster pets	Space exploration in French	Yr5 Shopping In France	French speaking world	Verbs in a week	Meet my French family

Y6	Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Knowledge & Skills	<p>French sport & the Olympics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conjugating the verb 'aller' - to go. Identifying correct prepositions. Learning sports vocabulary. Learning how to express preferences plus the infinitive. 	<p>French football champions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing and practising language learning strategies. Developing reading, speaking and listening skills. Responding to questions about footballers. 	<p>In my French house</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning how to describe a house - the different rooms and who lives there. Learning about prepositions to explain where items are arranged in their bedrooms 	<p>Planning a French holiday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning to use a combination of present and near-future tenses. Becoming familiar with holiday-related vocabulary around packing a suitcase and planning a journey. 	<p>Visiting a town in France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning directional and transport vocabulary. Learn prepositional phrases. Practising giving opinions and talking about a trip to France. 	<p>French Learning Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile a presentation to present to a small group about an aspect of French Life.
Vocab	French sport & the Olympics	French football champions	In my French house	Planning a French holiday	Visiting a town in France	French Learning Presentations using vocabulary from across KS2.