



St. John's C of E Primary School MFL Curriculum



Intent

At St. John's, our French curriculum is designed to foster a love for language learning and to build pupils' confidence and competence in communicating in a language other than English. Rooted in our school's values, the curriculum aims to broaden pupils' horizons, deepen their understanding of different cultures, and equip them with skills that will support their future learning and global citizenship.

Through engaging and inclusive lessons, we will:

- **Develop Language Skills:** Provide pupils with opportunities to listen, speak, read, and write in French, building a strong foundation in vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar.
- **Encourage Confidence in Communication:** Foster a supportive environment where pupils feel confident to practise and experiment with their language skills, without fear of making mistakes.
- **Promote Cultural Awareness:** Inspire pupils to appreciate the richness of French culture, traditions, and way of life, fostering respect and curiosity about other cultures.
- **Build Memory and Resilience:** Use repetition, games, songs, and practical activities to help pupils retain key language structures and develop resilience in language learning.
- **Prepare for Future Learning:** Lay the groundwork for further language study in secondary school, equipping pupils with transferable skills and a positive attitude towards learning languages.

At St. John's, we aim to nurture confident, enthusiastic, and open-minded learners who value the opportunities that language learning brings. Our French curriculum helps pupils build linguistic skills, cultural understanding, and an appreciation of the importance of communication in an interconnected world.

Implementation

Primary Curriculum

Year	Autumn	Spring	Summer
3	Getting to Know You	All About Me	Glorious Food
4	All Around Town	Going Shopping	Holidays and Hobbies
5	Pleased to Meet You	Family and Friends	School Life
6	Lets Visit a French Town	Our Precious Planet	More to Explore
Link to Planning	https://stjohnsdanburysessexsch.sharepoint.com/:f/s/CURRICULUM/EIXmJrsNzOVNIbVmSP61jagBmObj118svMw1tv1yx4hHUg?e=P7bOP2		



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National Curriculum KS2

- Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words
- engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help
- speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures
- develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases
- present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences
- read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing
- appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary
- write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly
- describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing
- understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high-frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.

	LKS2	UKS2
Listening and Speaking/Oracy	<p>Children listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a repeat modelled words; b listen and show understanding of single words through physical response; c repeat modelled short phrases; listen and show understanding of short phrases through physical response. 	<p>Children listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a listen and show understanding of simple sentences containing familiar words through physical response; b listen and understand the main points from short, spoken material in French; listen and understand the main points and some detail from short, spoken material in French.
	<p>Children engage in conversation; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a recognise a familiar question and respond with a simple rehearsed response; 	<p>Children engage in conversation; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others; seek clarification and help.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a engage in a short conversation using a range of simple, familiar questions;



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b ask and answer a simple and familiar question with a response;c express simple opinions such as likes, dislikes and preferences; ask and answer at least two simple and familiar questions with a response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">b ask and answer more complex questions with a scaffold of responses;c express a wider range of opinions and begin to provide simple justification; converse briefly without prompts.
	<p>Children speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a name objects and actions and may link words with a simple connective;b use familiar vocabulary to say a short sentence using a language scaffold;c speak about everyday activities and interests; refer to recent experiences or future plans.	<p>Children speak in sentences, using familiar vocabulary, phrases and basic language structures.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a say a longer sentence using familiar language;b use familiar vocabulary to say several longer sentences using a language scaffold;c refer to everyday activities and interests, recent experiences and future plans; vary language and produce extended responses.
	<p>Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a identify individual sounds in words and pronounce accurately when modelled;b start to recognise the sound of some letter strings in familiar words and pronounce when modelled;c adapt intonation to ask questions or give instructions; show awareness of accents, elisions and silent letters; begin to pronounce words accordingly.	<p>Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are using familiar words and phrases.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a pronounce familiar words accurately using knowledge of letter string sounds to support, observing silent letter rules;b appreciate the impact of accents and elisions on sound and apply increasingly confidently when pronouncing words;c start to predict the pronunciation of unfamiliar words in a sentence using knowledge of letter strings, liaison and silent letter rules; adapt intonation, for example to mark questions and exclamations.
	<p>Children present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a name nouns and present a simple rehearsed statement to a partner;b present simple rehearsed statements about themselves, objects and people to a partner; present ideas and information in simple sentences using familiar and rehearsed	<p>Children present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a manipulate familiar language to present ideas and information in simple sentences;b present a range of ideas and information, using prompts, to a partner or a small group of people; present a range of ideas and information, without prompts, to a partner or a group of people.



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	<p>language to a partner or a small group of people.</p>	
<p>Reading and Writing/Literacy</p>	<p>Children describe people, places, things and actions orally.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a say simple familiar words to describe people, places, things and actions using a model; b say a simple phrase that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; say one or two short sentences that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions. 	<p>Children describe people, places, things and actions orally.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a say several simple sentences containing adjectives to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; b manipulate familiar language to describe people, places, things and actions, maybe using a dictionary; use a wider range of descriptive language in their descriptions of people, places, things and actions.
	<p>Children read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a read and show understanding of familiar single words; read and show understanding of simple phrases and sentences containing familiar words. 	<p>Children read carefully and show understanding of words, phrases and simple writing.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a read and show understanding of simple sentences containing familiar and some unfamiliar language; b read and understand the main points from short, written material; read and understand the main points and some detail from short, written material
	<p>Children broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use strategies for memorisation of vocabulary; b make links with English or known language to work out the meaning of new words; c use context to predict the meaning of new words; begin to use a bilingual dictionary to find the meaning of individual words in French and English. 	<p>Children broaden their vocabulary and develop their ability to understand new words that are introduced into familiar written material, including through using a dictionary.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a use a range of strategies to determine the meaning of new words (links with known language, cognates, etymology, context); b use a bilingual dictionary to identify the word class; use a bilingual paper/online dictionary to find the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases in French and in English.
	<p>Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud familiar words and phrases.</p> <p>Children can:</p>	<p>Children develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud familiar words and phrases.</p> <p>Children can:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a identify individual sounds in words and pronounce accurately when modelled; b start to read and recognise the sound of some letter strings in familiar words and pronounce when modelled; c adapt intonation to ask questions; show awareness of accents, elisions and silent letters; begin to pronounce words accordingly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a read and pronounce familiar words accurately using knowledge of letter string sounds to support, observing silent letter rules; b appreciate the impact of accents and elisions on sound and apply increasingly confidently when pronouncing words; c start to predict the pronunciation of unfamiliar words in a sentence using knowledge of letter strings, liaison and silent letter rules; adapt intonation for example to mark questions and exclamations in a short, written passage.
	<p>Children write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a write single familiar words from memory with understandable accuracy; b write familiar short phrases from memory with understandable accuracy; replace familiar vocabulary in short phrases written from memory to create new short phrases. 	<p>Children write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a write a simple sentence from memory using familiar language; b write several sentences from memory with familiar language with understandable accuracy; replace vocabulary in sentences written from memory to create new sentences with understandable accuracy.
	<p>Children describe people, places, things and actions in writing.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a copy simple familiar words to describe people, places, things and actions using a model; b write a simple phrase that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; write one or two simple sentences that may contain an adjective to describe people, places, things and actions. 	<p>Children describe people, places, things and actions in writing.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a write several simple sentences containing adjectives to describe people, places, things and actions using a language scaffold; b manipulate familiar language to describe people, places, things and actions, maybe using a dictionary; use a wider range of descriptive language in their descriptions of people, places, things and actions.
<p>Stories, Songs, Poems and Rhymes</p>	<p>Children explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a listen and identify specific words in songs and rhymes and demonstrate understanding; listen and identify specific phrases in songs and rhymes and demonstrate understanding. 	<p>Children explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a listen and identify rhyming words and specific sounds in songs and rhymes; b follow the text of familiar songs and rhymes, identifying the meaning of words; read the text of familiar songs and rhymes and



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		identify patterns of language and link sound to spelling.
	<p>Children appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a join in with actions to accompany familiar songs, stories and rhymes; join in with words of a song or storytelling.	<p>Children appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a follow the text of a familiar song or story;b follow the text of a familiar song or story and sing or read aloud; understand the gist of an unfamiliar story or song using familiar language and sing or read aloud.
Grammar	<p>Children understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a show awareness of word classes – nouns, adjectives, verbs and connectives and be aware of similarities in English;b name the gender of nouns; name the indefinite and definite articles for both genders and use correctly; say how to make the plural form of nouns;c recognise and use partitive articles;d name the first and second person singular subject pronouns; use the correct form of some regular and high frequency verbs in the present tense with first and second person;e name the third person singular subject pronouns; use the present tense of some high frequency verbs in the third person singular;f use a simple negative form (ne... pas);g show awareness of the position and masculine/feminine agreement of adjectives and start to demonstrate use;h recognise and use the first person possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes);	<p>Children understand basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied, including (where relevant): feminine, masculine and neuter forms and the conjugation of high frequency verbs; key features and patterns of the language; how to apply these, for instance, to build sentences; and how these differ from or are similar to English.</p> <p>Children can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a identify word classes;b demonstrate understanding of gender and number of nouns and use appropriate determiners;c explain and apply the rules of position and agreement of adjectives with increasing accuracy and confidence;d name and use a range of conjunctions to create compound sentences;e use some adverbs;f demonstrate the use of first, second and third person singular pronouns with some regular and high frequency verbs in present tense and apply subject-verb agreement;g explain and use elision; state the differences and similarities with English;h recognise and use the simple future tense of a high frequency verb; compare with English;i recognise and use the immediate future tense of familiar verbs in the first, second and third person singular; explain how it's formed;



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- i recognise a high frequency verb in the imperfect tense and in the simple future and use as a set phrase;
- j conjugate a high frequency verb (aller – to go) in the present tense; show awareness of subject-verb agreement;
- k use simple prepositions in their sentences; use the third person singular and plural of the verb 'être' in the present tense.

- j recognise and use the first and third person singular possessive adjectives (mon, ma, mes, son, sa, ses);
- k recognise and use a range of prepositions;
- l use the third person plural of a few high frequency verbs in the present tense;
- m name all subject pronouns and use to conjugate a high frequency verb in the present tense;
- n recognise and use a high frequency verb in the perfect tense; compare with English;
- o follow a pattern to conjugate a regular verb in the present tense;
- p choose the correct tense of a verb (present/ perfect/ imperfect/ future) according to context.

Impact

The impact of the French curriculum at St. John's will be evident in the linguistic skills, cultural awareness, and enthusiasm for language learning that pupils develop. By the time pupils leave St. John's, they will have a solid foundation in French and a positive attitude towards learning languages, equipping them for further study and global engagement.

Impact on Pupils

- **Confident Communicators:** Pupils will demonstrate confidence in using French vocabulary and phrases in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, showing a strong grasp of basic grammar and pronunciation.
- **Culturally Aware:** Pupils will have an appreciation of French culture, traditions, and ways of life, fostering respect and curiosity for other cultures and a broader understanding of the world.
- **Linguistically Curious:** Pupils will show enthusiasm for language learning, developing resilience and a willingness to practise, take risks, and learn from mistakes.
- **Foundation for Future Learning:** Pupils will leave St. John's equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to build upon their French learning in secondary school and beyond.
- **Transferable Skills:** Through their language learning, pupils will have strengthened their listening, memory, and communication skills, which will benefit them across other areas of learning.