



Progression - French

Strand	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening	Understand and respond to simple words, greetings and classroom instructions.	Understand longer phrases and familiar conversations.	Understand sentences and short passages containing known vocabulary.	Understand longer spoken texts and identify key information.
Speaking	Repeat words and simple phrases with increasing confidence. Introduce self and answer simple questions.	Ask and answer questions in short conversations. Express simple opinions.	Speak in full sentences using familiar vocabulary and connectives.	Hold short conversations, justify opinions and present information confidently.
Pronunciation	Develop accurate pronunciation through songs, rhymes and repetition.	Apply phonics knowledge to read unfamiliar words aloud.	Improve fluency and intonation when speaking and reading.	Use accurate pronunciation and intonation independently.
Vocabulary	Learn core vocabulary linked to self, family, food, school and time.	Broaden vocabulary across a wider range of topics.	Use topic-specific vocabulary confidently and begin to recall independently.	Apply a wide vocabulary across different contexts and themes.
Reading	Read and understand familiar words and simple phrases.	Read short sentences and identify key information.	Read paragraphs and short texts with increasing independence.	Read longer texts and infer meaning from context.



Writing	Copy and write single words and simple phrases.	Write simple sentences from memory.	Adapt model sentences to create original writing.	Write paragraphs using a range of language structures independently.
Grammar	Understand gender of some nouns and use basic sentence structures.	Use articles accurately and begin to recognise verb patterns.	Use a range of verbs, adjectives and connectives. Understand word order.	Apply grammatical rules confidently, including verb conjugations and sentence building.
Intercultural Understanding	Learn about France and French-speaking countries.	Compare aspects of French and British culture.	Explore traditions, geography and daily life in French-speaking communities.	Develop a deeper understanding of French-speaking cultures and global links.
Independence	Use visual prompts and teacher support.	Begin using reference materials and word banks.	Use dictionaries and resources to support learning.	Select and apply language independently in speaking and writing.

Lower KS2 (Years 3–4)	Upper KS2 (Years 5–6)
Build confidence in listening and speaking. Use simple sentences, ask and answer questions, and develop basic reading and writing skills.	Apply language independently across all four skills. Hold conversations, read longer texts, write extended pieces and use grammar with increasing accuracy.