French Curriculum Progression

Glenfall Community Primary School intends to instil a love of languages within its pupils. We will ensure we offer a relevant, broad and ambitious curriculum that will inspire and excite our pupils using a wide range of topics and themes. All pupils will have the opportunity to explore a new language through its vocabulary, grammar and phonetics. They will understand where they belong in the world through the study on another culture and how it links to our own, developing a better understanding of self. Pupils will succeed and achieve their full potential through the encouragement of high expectations and excellent standards. The ultimate aim being that pupils will feel positive and confident about learning languages and be able to continue studying languages beyond key stage 2.

We intend to adopt a whole class approach and teach French to all children within key stage 2. The four language learning skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing will be taught and all necessary grammar will be covered in an age-appropriate way. As a result, pupils will be able to use and apply what they have learnt in multiple contexts and will have made solid foundations for future language learning. The intent is that the class teacher will use the Languages Angels scheme of work as well as other resources to deliver these lessons. Planning will ensure that the foreign language knowledge of our pupils progresses within each academic year and is extended throughout the primary phase.

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|  | Year 3 | Year 4  (Assuming at least 1 year of previous foreign language learning) | Year 5  (Assuming at least 2 years of previous foreign language learning) | Year 6  (Assuming at least 3 years of previous foreign language learning) |
| Listening | Listen to and enjoy short stories, nursery rhymes & songs. Recognise familiar words and short phrases covered in the units taught. | Learn to listen to longer passages and understand more of what we hear by  picking out key words and phrases covered in current and previous units. | Listen more attentively and for longer.  Understand more of what we hear even when some of the language may be unfamiliar by using the decoding skills we have developed. | Listen to longer text and more authentic foreign language material. Learn to pick  out cognates and familiar words and learn  to 'gist listen' even when hearing language that has not been taught or covered. |
| Speaking | Communicate with others using simple words and short phrases covered in the units. | Communicate with others with improved confidence and accuracy. Learn to ask and  answer questions based on the language  covered in the units and incorporate a negative reply if and when required. | Communicate on a wider range of topics and themes. Remember and recall a range of vocabulary with increased knowledge, confidence and spontaneity. | Learn to recall previously learnt language and recycle / incorporate it with new  language with increased speed and  spontaneity. Engage in short conversations on familiar topics, responding with opinions and justifications where appropriate. |
| Reading | Read familiar words and short phrases accurately by applying knowledge from  'Phonics Lesson 1'. Understand the meaning in English of short words I read in the foreign language. | Read aloud short pieces of text applying knowledge learnt from 'Phonics Lessons 1 & 2'. Understand most of what we read in the foreign language when it is based on familiar language. | Understand longer passages in the foreign language and start to decode meaning of unknown words using cognates and context. Increase our knowledge of  phonemes and letter strings using knowledge learnt from 'Phonics Lessons 1 to 3'. | Be able to tackle unknown language with increased accuracy by applying knowledge learnt from 'Phonics Lessons 1 to 4'  including awareness of accents, silent  letters etc. Decode unknown language using bilingual dictionaries. |
| Writing | Write familiar words & short phrases using a model or vocabulary list. **EG**: 'I play the piano'. 'I like apples'. | Write some short phrases based on familiar topics and begin to use  connectives/conjunctions and the negative form where appropriate. **EG**: My name, where I live and my age. | Write a paragraph using familiar language incorporating connectives/conjunctions, a negative response and adjectival  agreement where required. Learn to  manipulate the language and be able to  substitute words for suitable alternatives.  **EG**: My name, my age, where I live, a pet I have, a pet I don't have and my pet's name. | Write a piece of text using language from a variety of units covered and learn to adapt any models provided to show solid  understanding of any grammar covered.  Also start to incorporate conjugated verbs and learn to be comfortable using  connectives/conjunctions, adjectives and possessive adjectives. **EG**: A presentation or description of a typical school day including subjects, time and opinions. |
| Grammar | Start to understand the concept of noun gender and the use of articles. Use the first person singular version of high frequency verbs. **EG**: 'I like…' 'I play…' 'I am called…' | Better understand the concept of gender and which articles to use for meaning (**EG**:  'the', 'a' or 'some'). Introduce simple adjectival agreement (**EG**: adjectival  agreement when describing nationality), the negative form and possessive  adjectives. **E**G: 'In my pencil case I have…' or 'In my pencil case I do not have...' | Revision of gender and nouns and learn to use and recognise the terminology of  articles (**EG**: definite, indefinite and  partitive). Understand better the rules of adjectival agreement and possessive adjectives. Start to explore full verb conjugation (**EG**: 'I wear...', 'he/she  wears...' and also be able to describe clothes in terms of colour **EG**: 'My blue coat'. | Consolidate our understanding of gender and nouns, use of the negative, adjectival  agreement and possessive adjectives (**EG:** which subjects I like at school and also  which subjects I do not like). Become familiar with a wider range of  connectives/conjunctions. |