

KS3 - French

Golden Threads	Enrichment	Review and Evaluation

Topics & Substantive Knowledge	Disciplinary Knowledge	Assessment	Misconceptions	Key Vocabulary	Knowledge Tracking
Theme 1: "Autour du moi" (The World around me)  Understanding and expressing  name  nationality  where you live  age  birthday  numbers up to 31  Using a bilingual dictionary.	Phonics – understanding not to pronounce silent letters at the end of words e.g. "t" and "s" as well as those those that are pronounced.  Cognates – words spelt or sounding similarly in French and English.  Genders – understanding the concept of masculine and feminine nouns, how to look these up in a dictionary.  De-coding strategies – recognising similar words to English. Using clues to determine meaning.  Verb conjugations – understanding how verb endings change, depending on the pronoun being used.	Week 7 : Knowledge Quiz	Difference between cognates and false friends can be hard to work out.  Using the right part of the dictionary French – English (in front section)  Questions often change word order	pets ages birthdays / months numbers up to 31 Colours Personality type	Phonics – letters / accents we need to say and those we don't that are silent.  Setting up dictionary use to enable effective use in the future, both understanding French – English sections and English – French (including abbreviations)  Introducing the essential verbs avoir and être to be used in the present tense.  Introducing the idea of masculine and feminine genders which change how adjectives are spelt e.g français (if male) française (if female)



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Term 2	Theme 1: "Autour du moi" (The World around me, cont.)  Asking where someone lives  Expressing where you live  Using articles and possessive adjectives effectively  Using sophisticated opinions  Describing self and others  Differences between Christmas in France and the UK.	Dictation – pupils learning to write accurately (correct spellings & accents from words or short sentences that they listen to.  Inversion – swapping pronoun and verb when asking questions.  Pronouns and Possessive adjectives – Example un (a) and mon (my) = masculine nouns.  Verb endings – change based upon pronoun(person) and / or tense.	Weeks 5 & 6 : Reading and Writing Summative Assessment. (including Feedback)	<ul> <li>Silent sounds/letters cannot be heard, so harder to write these words accurately simply from just hearing them.</li> <li>Possessive adjectives agree with the or thing being described, NOT the person who is describing.</li> </ul>	Countries and nationalities Christmas themed vocab Key Christmas present tense verbs Negatives Describing my best friend Je voudrais phrases (conditional tense)	Using dictation to build on phonics skills built on last term to recognise and continue pronouncing letters, words and accents correctly (including silent sounds)  Building on use of Use of être in present tense from term 1.  Building on use of articles by using gender to determine possession.  Continued use of present tense key verbs such as être from last term. Building in different pronouns (people) and seeing how verb endings change based upon the person.
Term 3	Theme 1: "Autour du moi" (The World around me, cont.)  Comparing yourself to others  Understanding and using negatives, to talk about yourself and others.  Describing your best friend  Describing a photo  Reading comprehension — examining a longer text.	Direct object pronouns – referring to him / her / them etc.  Negatives – go round the verb  Inferring meaning – looking for clues to understand / predict meaning in longer texts.  Present tense  Time phrases	Week 4 – Knowledge quiz	<ul> <li>Direct Object Pronouns go before the verb</li> <li>Students do not always need to understand every word in a passage. Key words, cognates, verbs are often enough to gain enough understanding to get the "gist".</li> </ul>	Comparatives (e.g comparing one Family member to another, or two different friends.)  Negative expressions with "ne" and "pas" going around the verb.	Use of knowledge of gender and articles to help with direct object pronouns.  Link to previous knowledge of present tense by adding negatives to present tense.  Decoding  Adding time phrases to present tense.



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Term 4	Theme 2: La Géographie (Geography)  Reading longer texts aloud with appropriate phonics.  Compass points NSEW.  Geographical features in France / French: rivers etc  Prepositions: in, near, next to etc  French cities (including city project)  French speaking countries. Easter vocabulary and traditions.	Dictation - pupils learning to write accurately (correct spellings & accents from words or short sentences that they listen to.  Research skills (city project) — beyond copy and paste. Summing up in their own words.  Coding / reading for gist — pupils always looking for clues, especially in longer texts to get the general "idea" of a text.  Phonics	Research project on French city week 5 of term 4	<ul> <li>Clarity with compass points in English could confuse when in French.</li> <li>French speaking parts of the world extend well beyond France itself.</li> <li>Phonics – retrieval practice and growing awareness of silent letters (like H) at the start of words; "S" and "T" at ends of words etc.</li> </ul>		Decoding: identifying nouns, adjectives, verbs, pronouns etc. in a variety of texts.  Linking back to reading for gist, using cognates to work out what the text probably would mean.  Phonics – silent and non silent sounds and accents.
Term 5	Theme 3 : L'Art (Art)  Knowledge of French Artists from 1900's. E.g Monet, Matisse etc.  Shapes / forms / styles  Colours  Sophisticated opinions  Describing what's in a photo/picture and where.	Adjectival agreement – extra letters added on to adjectives like colours to agree with nouns. E.g E on the end for Feminine, S for plural.  Adjectival order – BAGS rule. Beauty Age Greatness Size all come before the noun.  Prepositions	Extended writing (describing pupil's own piece of Matisse-inspired artwork)	Order of adjectives in a sentence may cause confusion. E.g colour comes before noun in English but after the noun in French.	Colours Shapes Lines Prepositions Opinions Comparisons	Decoding  Agreement of adjectives from previous learning, but introducing the idea that colours come after the noun, whilst other adjectives do not.



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Theme 4: Les fêtes (festivals / celebrations)  -Different genres of French music  -Listening to French music  -Understanding and learning about unique French festivals such as Bastille Day  -Similarities /differences between French and English festivals & celebrations.	Cultural capital – learning more about the historical and cultural importance of festivals such as "Bastille Day" and "La Fête des Rois" in France.	Summative written (based on last term's extended writing opportunities on Matisse-inspired Art work) Listening and Reading (based on whole year's learning)	<ul> <li>French cities sometimes pronounced or spelt the same or differently.</li> <li>Regular and irregular present tense verb endings.</li> </ul>	Genres of music  How to express like / dislike of types of music with reasons.  Forming questions  Musical instruments  Vocab describing the National Festival (Bastille Day)	Revision from all KO's (Knowledge organisers) used this year.