

Skills Progression for French St. Cuthbert's C of E Primary School

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Listening	Pupils should be taught to: 1. Listen attentively to spoken lang	National Curriculum Programmes of Study Pupils should be taught to: 1. Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. 2. Explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words.			
	Children can repeat words modelled by teacher, show understanding with an action. Children can understand and respond to a few familiar spoken words and short phrases, including simple instructions.	Children can listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding (e.g. with an action). Children can pick out known words in an 'authentic' conversation. Children can understand and respond to a range of familiar spoken words and short phrases, including instructions.	Children begin to show understanding of more complex sentences in 'authentic' conversation, picking out specific vocabulary. Children can understand the main points of a short spoken passage made up of a few familiar words and phrases, delivered slowly and clearly.	Children listen to and show understanding of more complex sentences in 'authentic' conversation, picking out specific vocabulary. Children can understand a short passage made up of familiar words and basic phrases.	
Speaking					
	Children learn specific vocabulary and develop accuracy in pronunciation by listening to and repeating the utterances of authentic speakers OR recordings of authentic speakers. Children recognise a familiar question and respond with a simple rehearsed response.	Children can recall and use common phrases. Children develop accuracy when pronouncing phrases, by listening to and repeating utterances of authentic speakers OR recordings of authentic speakers.	Children can ask and answer questions on the current topic. Children can produce some short phrases independently (without written support) within a familiar topic, with good pronunciation.	 Children can engage in short scripted conversations. Children can ask and answer simple questions on a few very familiar topics. Children can speak in longer sentences, learning to use particular sentence structures 	

	Children can repeat and recall familiar words and short simple phrases, using understandable pronunciation.	Children can produce short pre-prepared phrases on a familiar topic, using secure pronunciation. Children can perform short role plays on a topic, with several exchanges and secure pronunciation.		more flexibly to create their own sentences.
Reading	2. Appreciate stories, songs, poems an	ling of words, phrases and simple writing d rhymes in the language.	J. ds that are introduced into familiar writte	en material, including through using a
	Children begin to recognise written vocabulary/ single words. Children begin to recognise written phrases.	Children begin to recognise simple written phrases. Children recognise simple written phrases and understand a range of familiar written phrases.	Children read and show understanding of more complex written phrases. Children read and show understanding of a piece of writing based on the current topic. Children read short passages and answer questions on what they have read.	Children practice reading longer texts aloud. These will contain taught phrases and vocabulary. Children can understand a short text made up of short sentences with familiar language on a familiar topic. Children can use a dictionary or word list
Writing	National Curriculum Programmes of Study Pupils should be taught to: 1. Write phrases from memory, and adapt these to create new sentences, to express ideas clearly. 2. Describe people, places, things and actions orally and in writing.			
	Children can copy simple vocabulary. Children can write some single words from memory, with plausible spelling. Children can, with support, substitute one element in a simple phrase to vary the meaning	Children can write simple words and several short phrases from memory. Children use understandable spelling.	Children begin to use dictionaries to find the meaning of unknown words and to translate their own ideas. Children can write words, phrases and short simple sentences from their repertoire from memory with understandable spelling.	Children adapt taught phrases to create new sentences. Children can write short, simple texts from memory, using simple sentences from one familiar topic with reasonable spelling.
Grammar	National Curriculum Programmes of Pupils should be taught to:	f Study		

the conju	1. 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.			
masculine	can use indefinite in the singular with e and feminine nouns. can use the high-	Children can use indefinite and definite articles with singular and plural nouns. Children can use prepositions of	Children can use all persons of several regular verbs in the present tense (with the support of a frame).	Children can use high-frequency verb forms, nouns, articles and adjectives to form simple sentences.
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Year 3

Week	Content	Key skills and activities
2 weeks	Greetings, asking and saying how you are Bonjour, au revoir, comment ça va? très bien, bien, comme ci comme ça, mal	Listen and respond to rhymesImitate pronunciation
		Participate in a short exchange
2 weeks	Numbers 0-10	 Letter strings – oi, eu
	Zéro, un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept, huit, neuf, dix,	Links between some sounds and spellings
	Oui, non	Watch mouth of speaker
3 weeks	Classroom instructions	Auditory discrimination between un/ une
		Enjoy making French sounds and copy intonation patterns
	Salut! Ecoutez, regardez, asseyez-vous, levez-vous, répétez, venez ici,	Listen to and follow simple commands
Quuqalia	silence	Description of the form
2 weeks	Ask for and give name Comment t'appelle-tu?	Recognise a question form
	Je m'appelle, Monsieur, Madame, Madamoiselle	Perform a simple communicative task
4 weeks	Revision of numbers 0-10	Participate in chorusing a finger rhyme
		 Understand and respond to a question
	Ask for and state age	 Make links between sounds and spellings (phonics)
	Quel âge as-tu? J'ai ans	 Recognise some familiar words in written form
3 weeks	Nativity play – characters in the nativity play and simple dialogue	Perform a role in a class nativity play
		Join in singing a French carol
	Letter to Father Christmas	Experiment with writing
3 weeks	Colours	Letter strings oi, eu
	Rouge, bleu, blanc, noir, vert, jaune, orange, rose	Perform actions to a French song
3 weeks	Colours	Experiment with writing
	Gris, violet, marron	Respond to sound patterns
	Verb- est (is)	
	Connective – et (and)	
3 weeks	Names of fruit	Letter string – on
	Les oranges, les poires, les prunes, les fraises, les pommes, les tomates, les	 Understand and respond to a question
	bananes	Notice spelling of words
	Food items	
	Les chips, le coca, les suchettes, le chocolat, les bonbons	
3 weeks	Easter theme	Develop understanding of customs and traditions
	Making a pancake	Experiment with writing
	Easter celebrations	Recite a finger rhyme and recognise how sounds are
	Making an Easter card	presented in written form
2 weeks	No new content	Letter strings – eu, oi
	Phonics	

		 Listen and respond to a nursery rhyme and an extended text
2 weeks	Days of the week lundi, mardi, mercredi, jeudi, vendredi, samedi, dimanche	 Join in reading a story Match sound to the written word Copy correctly
3 weeks	Months of the week janvier, février, mars, avril, mai, juin, juillet, août, septembre, octobre, novembre, décembre	 Imitate pronunciation of sounds Identify social conventions at home and in other cultures
4 weeks	Revision and gaps	End of term quiz

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1 week	Revision of colours	Listen to and follow a short story
2 weeks	Parts of the body: Une tête, un nez, des dents, des chevaus, des yeux, une biouche, des oreilles Adjectives: Grand, petit, gros, long, pointu	 Identify adjectives in a text and recognise that they can change spellings Listen for specific words and phrases Pronounce some words accurately
3 weeks	Parts of the body: La jambe, le pied, le ventre, la main, le bras, l'epaule, le genou Asking for French translation: Comment dit-on en français? Revision of adjectives	 Understand that all nouns have a gender Ask how to say something in French Listen for a key sound as it occurs in a rhyme
1 week 2 weeks	Revision of asking for French translation Comment dit-on en français? Zoo animals: Le tigre, l'éléphant, l'ours, la souris, le lion, la giraffe, le singe, le crocodile, le	 Appreciate similarities between English and French nursery rhymes Recite a nursery rhyme Follow a text as it is read aloud Follow a story using visual clues Listen for rhyme and rhythm
1 weeks 2 weeks	pingouin Some letters of the alphabet Introduction of vowels Verb – être (to be): II est (he is)	 Recognise some letters of the alphabet Listen for sounds, rhyme and rhythm Say 6 vowel sounds in French Write simple words and phrases following a model
Question	Elle est (she is) Quantifiers: assez, très Adjectives: Grand, petit, gentil, rigolo, féroce	Read words aloud with accurate pronunciation
2 weeks	Christmas theme revising body parts Phrases and vocabulary work on snowman theme: Un bonhomme de neige, unchapeau, une écharpe, des gants, un manteau, il fait froid, il neige Phrases for playing a game À toi, à moi, le dé	 Participate in a short drama Play a game communicating in French
1 week	Christmas theme Two expressions: Oh là là, j'aime ça	 Join in singing a French song Write individual words or short sentences in French

1 week	Receptive vocabulary only from song- Meunier tu dors Le moulin, vite, le menunier, fort, le lapin, le poulet, le châton	 Recite a short poem from memory Identify rhyming words in short texts Letter string in
2 weeks	Members of the family: La père, la mère, le frère, la soeur, le grand-père, la grand-mère	 Present a short role play introducing family members Ask and answer questions
	Possessive adjectives: Mon, ma	
1 week	Ask and answer questions about family members	 Ask and answer questions Recognise rhyming words and understand that the final consonant is rarely pronounced Use mental associations to help remember words
2 weeks	Vocabulary for story: Le radis géant La petite fille, tirer, tomber Pets: Un chien, un chat, un hamster, un lapin, un poisson, un cochon d'Inde, un oiseau	 Follow a French story and join in reading Recognise nouns and verbs in French Compare traditional stories
2 weeks	Revision of pets vocabulary Verb – avoir (to have): J'ai (I have) Je n'ai pas de (I haven't)	 Understand simple rules for converting singular to plural Present a rhyme Know about pets that are popular in France
2 weeks	Connectives: et, aussi No new core vocabulary	 Follow a text as it is read aloud Write simple sentences Read some words with accurate pronunciation
2 weeks	Hobbies: Danser, nager, joeur au football, manger au restaurant, lire, regarder la télé, aller au parc	 Listen for sounds Identify strategies for learning vocabulary Write some words from memory
2 weeks	Revision of hobbies Opinions phrases: J'adore, j'aime, je n'aime pas	 Read and understand a paragraph with familiar vocabulary and structures Recognise positive and negative statements in English and French Memorise and present two sentences or more
3 weeks	Tu aimes? Numbers 12-31	 Conduct a short interview in French, asking and answering questions Listen for a specific sound in a song
2 weeks	Revision of leisure activities and opinions phrases	 Conduct a survey in French Know the names of some major airports and ports in France Learn how to play a popular French game
2 weeks	Two weather expressions: Il fait froid, il fait chaud	 Understand different possibilities for travelling abroad

	Quantifiers: Très, un peu	
2 weeks	Clothes items for packing a suitcase: Un pantalon, un short, un pull, une jupe, un chapeau, un maillot de bain, un tee-shirt	 Pack an imaginary suitcase for a holiday, writing individual words

Year 5

2 weeks	Il y a Buildings on the high street: Un marché, un magasin, un supermarché, une poste, une banque, un café, une mairie, un magasin de vêtements, une boulangerie	 Make simple sentences and manipulate them by changing an element Understand and use negatives Recite a shorty text with accurate pronunciation Appreciate similarities and differences between French and English high streets
2 weeks	Directions A gauche, à droite Revision of connectives – et, aussi Revision of adjectives – grand, petit	 Identify the position of adjectives in a sentence Memorise and present two or three sentences describing a high street Manipulate language by changing an element in a sentence Use a dictionary
2 weeks	Asking where places are Il y a? C'est, au coin Pause words Et alors, voyons, eh bien	 Taking part in a simple conversation, asking for and giving directions Know how to add expression and authenticity to a short dialogue Understand key information from a short exchange
2 weeks	Revision of days of the week Times of day Matin, après-midi, soir, à 10 heures,`4 heures et demie Très, assez	 Substitute quantifiers and adjectives in a sentence Collect and record evidence about activity on the high street at certain times of day, and express it in French Recap of key letter strings - in/oi
1 weeks	No new vocabulary	 Understand and express simple opinions Write short sentences, substituting vocabulary in model sentences
2 weeks	Christmas Theme Christmas vocabulary La forêt, il neige, un sapin, je brille, une bougie Revision of colours and verb être- je suis / je ne suis pas	 Learn and join in singing a French carol Recite a short text with accurate pronunciation Follow the transcript of a Christmas story Appreciate similarities and differences between Christmas in France and England
2 weeks	Christmas theme No new vocabulary	 Use actions and mimes to aid memorisation Make a traditional French Christmas sweet Join in performing a short Christmas story in French, reading and pronouncing unknown words
3 weeks	Revision of days of the week Revision of hobbies introduced in Year 4 Simple future tense	 Understand and express simple opinions Integrate new language into previously learned language Prepare a keep fit programme for the week ahead, using immediate future tense

	Je vais encore	Listen to a native speaker and understand more complex phrases and sentences
2 weeks	Months of the year Janvier, février, mars, avril, mai, juin, juillet, août, septembre, octobre, novembre, décembre	 Imitate pronunciation of sounds Identify social conventions at home and in other cultures
3 weeks	Revision of sports/ hobbies vocabulary Revision of numbers 0-50 Comparisons plus que more than Revision of immediate future – je vais + verb	 Investigate the effects of exercise on pulse rate Understand more complex phrases, including comparisons
2 weeks	Revision of fruit from Year 3 Food including Le pain, la baguette, le riz, les pâtes, les pommes de terre, le jambon, le poisson, le fromage, l'eau, le yaourt, le chocolat, la glace, le gâteau, les biscuits, les chips, les frites, la salade, les carottes, les petit pois	 Find words in a bilingual dictionary Take part in a conversation expressing likes / dislikes of certain foods, using stalling strategies as appropriate Listen to and understand a native speaker expressing likes and dislikes
1 week	Food items as above Revision of connectives: et, mais, aussi	 Design a balanced meal, with foods labelled in French Extend basic sentences by using connectives Use negatives Express opinions in short, written sentences included in a PowerPoint presentation
2 weeks	No new vocabulary	 Memorise and present a short rhyme Investigate the similarities and differences between French and English eating habits by looking at French school lunch menus Investigate and share strategies for learning new vocabulary
2 weeks	Breakfast Un croissant, un pain au chocolat, un pain aux raisins, une tartine, un chocolat chaud, un jus d'orange, tu veuz ? je voudrais	 Develop accuracy in pronunciation and intonation Use spoken language spontaneously during a breakfast role play
2 weeks	Ingredients for a French dessert Le beurre, le sucre, des ouefs, le sel	 Watch and understand a demonstration in French of the method of making a dessert Order sentence cards to re-create the method Write words and phrases using a reference
2 weeks	Revision of days of the week / months of the year Aujoud'hui c'est le lundi 10 octobre Weather	 Identify the date from an audio recording Use short sentences to give a description of the weather Look and listen for visual and aural clues in an audio recording

	Il fait froid, il fait chaud, il fait beau, il fait mauvais, il y a du soleil, il y a du vent, il y a du brouillard, il pleut, il neige	
2 weeks	Revision of weather phrases Seasons En autromne, en hiver, au printemps, en été Extension Normalament, en général	 Identifying rhyming words and make up a short rhyming poem using weather conditions Use simple sentences to present a mini weather report in French Write two or more sentences describing the weather in each season in French Recognise similarities and differences between places
2 weeks	Saying where you live J'habite à + town, dans le nord, le sud, l'ouest, l'est, de l'Angleterre	 Learn and join in singing a traditional French song Prepare a short presentation saying where you live and what the climate is like Scan a more detailed text with unknown language for details
2 weeks	No new vocabulary	 Understand that there are stereotypical images associated with countries Consider key similarities and differences in daily life in the UK and France Collect items which relate to our lifestyle Investigate French supermarket websites to find out in what ways they differ from English supermarkets
1 weeks	No new vocabulary	Take part in a quiz which revises many topics and skills learnt during the year

2 weeks	Classroom routines: Answering the register Saying the date Describing the weather Asking for classroom objects Following instructions Recap of simple negatives from Year 4 Je n'ai pas de	 Initiate and sustain conversations Re-use previously learned language in a new context Discuss language learning and reflect on how to memorise and recall language Understand the formation of a basic negative sentence
2 weeks	As above As-tu?	 Perform a sketch in French to an audience Present oral work confidently, speaking clearly and audibly with good pronunciation Understand key details from an authentic text Make predictions based on existing knowledge Use a dictionary Evaluate work
3 weeks	Revision of clothes vocabulary from Year 4 + des chaussures, des chaussettes, un sweat Revision of expressing opinions from Year 3,4 and 5: J'aime, je n'aime pas Justifying opinions: J'aime pas le rouge C'est + adjective	 Match sound to sentences and paragraphs Add two short verses to a rhyming poem Understand details including opinions from spoken paragraphs Construct a short paragraph by adapting a model
3 weeks	Revision of family members (Year 4) Revision of structures (Year 4/5): Il s'appelle; il a x ans; il est; il habite `å Revision of quantifiers from Years 3-5: Très, assez Revision of adjectives from Year 4: sympa, intelligent, amusant + Sportif / sportive Beau / belle	 Join in two playground games in French Understand the main points and simple opinions expressed in a short, written text and respond by answering true/ false questions Follow a story as it is read aloud, demonstrating understanding Recognise agreements and patterns in the foreign language Listen for clues to meaning e.g., tone of voice
2 weeks	Revision of verb être from Years 4/5 Il est, elle est Occupations vocabulary Médecin Vendeur vendeuse Serveur serveuse Agent de police Professeur	 Understand that some nouns for occupations change their spellings in relation to their gender Understands key details from a short, spoken passage Match sound to sentences and paragraphs, by re-ordering lines from a song Recognise that word order may vary between languages Use a dictionary to find additional nouns to construct short sentences – il est infirmier

2 weeks	Revision of family members	Play a game using phrases in French		
	Phrases to use when playing games in French:	Recognise adjectival agreements in a short text		
	Donne-moi	 Read aloud phrases from a text using a variety of voices 		
	A toi	and expression		
	A moi	 Prepare songs and sketches for a performance 		
		 Listen for clues to meaning – tone of voice, key words 		
	S'il te plait Merci			
1 week	As above	Sing French songs with accurate pronunciation		
1 WOOK		 Speak audibly and clearly when performing to an audience 		
1 week	Christmas theme	Using correct pronunciation, learn a Christmas song		
1 WOOK	Revision of vocabulary from Years 3-5	• Using concer pronunciation, ream a Onnstituas song		
2 weeks	Revision of II y a and where you live:	Match sound to individual word in a list of nouns		
	Il y a ; j'habite dans; j'habite à	 Identify the sounds of some letters of the alphabet 		
	Voici	 Be aware of cultural differences in housing at home and 		
	Une maison	abroad		
	Un apartement	 Reflect on techniques for memorising language 		
		 Re-use known language in a new context 		
	Receptive use of eight rooms of the house			
3 weeks	As above +	Recognise and practice the French vowel sounds		
		 Identify and substitute nouns in a sentence 		
	Revision of adjectives from Year 4:	Contribute to a shared writing task, describing an ideal		
	Petit, grand, superbe, magnifique	home		
	+ immense, de luxe, en haut, en bas	 Produce own piece of writing, adapting a model 		
2 weeks	Prepositions revision from Year 5	Identify nouns and adjectives contained in a text		
	+ Sur, sous	• Sort word cards into nouns, verbs, adjectives, prepositions		
		Be familiar with abbreviations used in a dictionary to		
		identify nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs		
		Recognise potential hazards when using dictionaries and		
		how abbreviations can help		
		Read phrases with appropriate intonation and expression		
2 weeks	Repetition revision Year 3 and 4:	Ask for repetition/ clarification in French		
	Répète, s'il te plait; répétez, s'il vous plait; qu'est-ce que c'est en français?	Revise the sound of the letter i in French		
		Use knowledge of pronunciation patterns to create a rap		
	Furniture vocabulary			
1 week	Revision of stalling strategies from Year 5	Sustain an unrehearsed conversation of at least four		
		exchanges		
		 Use stalling strategies as appropriate 		
		Read for enjoyment		
2 weeks	Revision of days of the week and months of the year from Years 3-5	Understand that French is spoken in many countries		
		throughout the world		
	Revision of verb aller from Year 5: on va	Choose a country for the holiday and select dates		
		 Make predictions about meaning based on existing 		
	On va aller, partir	knowledge		
		Write short sentences, using a model		

2 weeks	Accommodation – where to stay On va rester dans Un hôtel, un apartement, un gîte, un camping	 Look at different types of accommodation Write a short letter to book accommodation, adapting a model Use a dictionary as appropriate
3 weeks	On va aller, prendre Transport: En bateau, en avion, en voiture, en train	 Look at travel options Look at foods typical of that country Write short sentences outlining holiday plans, adapting a model Read authentic texts for enjoyment and for information
2 weeks	Places to visit On va visiter, regarder D'abord, plus tard	 Research places of interest for holidays Write a programme of activities for a week on holiday, adapting a model
2 weeks	Places to visit	 Prepare a presentation for next lesson regarding holiday plans and the area to be visited Consider material to be used in the presentation: cultural information, - food, climate, places of interest, festivals, songs, dances, music Use support material appropriately and adapt suggested models Plan and prepare collaboratively and analyse what needs to be done to carry out the task Perform to an audience
2 weeks	Revision of vocabulary learned throughout the year Quiz	 Recall key vocabulary learned during the year Answer quiz type questions

French long-term plan

1. Year Group/Term	T1	T2	Т3	Τ4	T5	Т6
Year 3	 Greetings Numbers 0- 10 Classroom instructions 	 Ask for and give name Revision of numbers 0-10 Christmas 	 Colours Fruit/ food 	9. Fruit/ food 10. Easter	11. Phonics 12. Days of the week	 Months of the week Revision and gaps
Year 4	 Revision of colours Parts of the body Asking for French translation Revision of asking for French translation 	 Zoo Animals Phonics – alphabet Christmas theme revising body parts Christmas 	 9. Receptive vocabulary 10. Members of the family 11. Story vocabulary 	 Pets Hobbies Easter 	 15. Revision of hobbies 16. Opinions vocabulary 17. Numbers 12-31 	 Revision of leisure activities and opinions phrases Weather Holidays – clothes for packing a suitcase
Year 5	 Il y a + buildings on the high street Directions Asking where places are 	 Revision of days of the week Express simple opinions Christmas 	 Revision of hobbies Simple future tense Months of the year 	 Revision of sports / hobbies Revision of numbers 0-50 Revision of fruit 	 13. Similarities English / French eating habits 14. Ingredients for a French dessert 15. Revision of days of the week / months 	 Weather Seasons Where you live UK / French lifestyles Revision - quiz
Year 6	 Classroom routines Recap of simple negative (Year 4) Clothes (revision + new) Opinions (Revision + new) 	 Revision of family members Structures and quantifiers revision Adjectives (revision + new) Revision of verb être Occupations Christmas 	 French phrases for games Adjectives (Revision + new) Il y a and where you live (Revision Year 4/5+ new) vocabulary Adjectives (Revision + new) 	 15. Prepositions (Revision + new) 16. Revision of repetition requests (Year 3/4) 17. Furniture 	 18. Revision of days of the week/ months 19. Revision of verb aller 20. Accommodation 	21. Transport22. Places to visit23. Revision - quiz