

Year 8 French Curriculum



In Year 8 you will learn the language (vocabulary and grammar) by developing listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the topic areas listed below. As part of the course, your knowledge of the cultural life in French-speaking countries will give you a better understanding of how people live there.

You will be working towards being able to complete the following skills:

- **In Listening & Reading:** Identifying specific details and moods in texts, understanding a range of time frames, inferring meaning from the context of the language, developing understanding of unpredictable elements, identifying a range of more complex structures.
- **In Speaking & Writing:** Answering a range of questions accurately and using a variety of time frames, producing language from memory, using full sentences, expressing opinions, taking part in short role-plays
- **Translation:** Translation of short sentences into French and English, using familiar language.
- **Pronunciation:** developing the accuracy of pronunciation and intonation

You will explore the following **key topics**:

Holiday destinations, festivals, sports & leisure activities, daily routine, helping others, media, technology

You will come across the following **cultural aspects** throughout the year:

- *French-speaking countries in Africa*
- *Geography of France*
- *Famous French people*
- *French comic strips*
- *Epiphany*

You will practise the following grammar points throughout the year:

- *Phonics*
- *Nouns & articles*
- *Adjectives and adjective endings*
- *Present tense verbs*
- *Immediate future tense*
- *Perfect Tense*
- *Reflexive verbs*

Use the checklist below to ensure that your answers are successful:

- ✓ 1. Use a wide range of vocabulary
- ✓ 2. Regular learning of topic specific language
- ✓ 3. include new grammar structures in your work
- ✓ 4. check spelling and accents
- ✓ 5. develop and extend sentences with connectives
- ✓ 6. recognise and use different opinions
- ✓ 7. justify your opinions
- ✓ 8. structure your work clearly
- ✓ 9. Use your knowledge of language patterns
- ✓ 10. Identify and use cognates in your work
- ✓ 11. Include a variety of adjectives and adverbs
- ✓ 12. Learn and apply your knowledge of the present and immediate future and perfect tenses

Your teacher may refer to these numbers to help you to improve your work

You will be assessed in a combination of End of Unit tasks.

Your teacher will assess your work in the following skills:

Listening
Speaking
Reading
Writing