



Year 8 French Curriculum Map



In Year 8 you will continue to learn the French language with building blocks of Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar so that you will gradually be able to speak and write French accurately. Your Vif e-book on Kerboodle contains everything you are learning and you can refer to. You will also find out about French culture, French Speaking Countries and their people.

Phonics

You will build on your Year 7 knowledge of key sounds and continue practising key sounds week by week.

Vocabulary:

Your French Vif e-book on Kerboodle has all the vocabulary we will learn this year and it is based on the most frequent words in the French language.

Grammar :

Nouns and genders
articles
Plurals
avoir, être, aller, faire
Present tense of regular and irregular verbs
possessive adjectives
adverbs & adjectives
Reflexive verbs
Immediate future
Negation

Word order

You will find out about these aspects of **French culture**:

Key facts about France
cities and towns in the French Speaking world
Christmas and Easter in France.
The Epiphany
April's Fools Day in France
The 14th July in France.
French songs, poems and tongue twisters

You will practise these **language skills**:

Listening : to your teacher, to recorded texts, to each other
Speaking : practising pronunciation, asking and answering questions, presenting information and opinions
Reading : words, sentences, short texts, printed and handwritten
Writing : spelling, forming sentences, creating dialogues and translating from English to French and French to English .

Top tips for success

Once you've learnt the key sounds, keep practising them. Also learn **vocabulary** very regularly. 'Little and often' is what works: perhaps 5 words twice a week .

These 7 ways of memorising words help many learners:

Make flashcards

Invent rhymes and raps

Teach the words to someone else

Stick up 'word' post-its where you will see them everyday

Take part in the Spelling Bee

Think about each word: what does it remind you of?

Use this checklist to ensure that you can identify your progress in French through the year:

- Have you identified letters carefully and used capital letters where required?
- Is your pronunciation / spelling good?
- Have you expressed opinions?
- Have you extended some sentences with connectives?
- Have you checked the grammar of your sentences?

Your teacher will **assess your progress** through your class work (spoken and written) and home work. You will sometimes have tests on learning homework tasks. You will also reflect on your own progress and set targets.

