



SPOTLIGHT ON MFL CURRICULUM AT RADDLEBARN

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Bonjour!

Welcome to this week's curriculum newsletter all about Modern Foreign Languages (MFL). At Raddlebarn we follow the 'Language Angels' scheme of work to teach French from Year Three-Six. We also use our MFL lessons to promote and celebrate other cultures and communities. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Miss Mayele

MFL: National Curriculum Aims

All pupils:

- understand and respond to spoken and written language from a variety of authentic sources.
- speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity, finding ways of communicating what they want to say, including through discussion and asking questions, and continually improving the accuracy of their pronunciation and intonation.
- can write at varying length, for different purposes and audiences, using the variety of grammatical structures that they have learnt.
- discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in the language studied.



How is MFL taught at Raddlebarn?

As discussed in last year's newsletter, all children in KS2 have weekly French language lessons. Children learn and use a growing bank of vocabulary organised around half termly topics. Where appropriate, the French topic will match the curriculum topic, for example World War Two in Year Six. Each topic covers a speaking, listening, reading and writing element. We also have some fun and exciting songs in each lesson too. We have recently incorporated French dictionaries into our lessons in Year Four, Five and Six, to great success.



Pupil Voice

We have seen a huge increase in our MFL pupil voice. The pupils are experiencing range of lessons that are fun and exciting.

What the children have said:

- It's fun.
- It's my favourite lesson in school.
- We have fun challenges.
- We the range of games like French Bingo.
- We love the French quick quizzes.

It is great to see the huge progress of the enjoyment in French and we are hoping this continues next year!

Teacher CPD

Teachers have worked hard in using the teacher phrases in class and now children are able to follow instructions in French. Our MFL curriculum (through Language Angels) have made some recent adaptations for inclusive learning too. Language builders are used to help break down various French vocabulary to support children's learning.

Key Phrases in French

Useful phrases for teachers:



French	English
Ecoutez	Listen!
Regardez	Look!
Repetez apres moi	Repeat after me
Ecrivez la date	Write the date
Asseyez-vous	Sit down please
Levez vous	Stand up please
Mettez-vous en rang	Line up please!

1 Say your name. Je m'appelle... My name is

2 Say your age. J'ai ... ans. I am ... years old

3 Say where you live. J'habite à... I live in...

4 Number of planets. Il y a 8 planètes. There are 8 planets

5 Describe 3 planets. Mercure, Vénus, la Terre, Mars, Jupiter, Saturne, Uranus, Neptune. Use an intensifier if you can: très, assez. Use a conjunction to extend your description: et

6 Describe your skills. Je suis... intelligent, compétent, patient, calme, dynamique, responsable, courageux, ambitieux, aventureux, curieux. intelligent, compétente, patiente, calme, dynamique, responsable, courageuse, ambitieuse, aventureuse, curieuse

Songs for MFL

At school, we have enjoyed listening to new songs from Lingobox Learning. These songs are repetitive to aid memory recall.

The children also really enjoy singing along whilst practising their French language skills. It is also a great opportunity to pick up new vocabulary, we even hear them singing along after lessons are finished. We encourage parents to go onto Lingobox Learning and sing along too!

Year 5's recommendation is *Quel âge as-tu?* – this will get you on your feet!



French Quel âge as-tu? song! Quel âge as-tu? How old are you in French | Fun & Educational Kids Song

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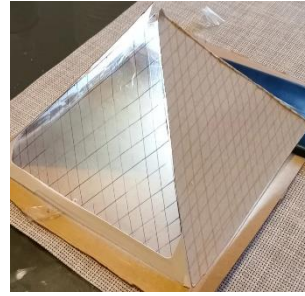
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Bastille day

Last week, the children learnt all about Bastille day which is celebrated in France. Each year group appraised the French national anthem, listened to well know books in French, sculptures and drawing for homework and the teachers used their French teacher phrases throughout the day, *Superbe!*



MFL Peer to Peer

On Wednesday 12th June, we held a French peer to peer. Teachers from other school looked around and observed the enegagement in French across the school. All staff and children worked tremendously hard and we were blown away by how much positive engagement there is in the lessons. We hope that next year the children become more confident and comfortable to speak French and retain vocabulary through repetition and building prior knowledge.