



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 7

Subject: MFL

Overview

Students begin learning French in Year 7, and the first part of the course is spent ensuring that students have the essential survival vocabulary such as numbers, greetings and simple objects, and that they have a basic understanding of sentence formation in French. Students who have previously studied French in Primary School develop their knowledge further and apply their learning to new scenarios, songs and texts.

Throughout the course, students are trained to use “Mots Clés” (key words) that enable them to express themselves in a range of time frames and tenses, and to write more complex sentences using conjunctions and time phrases. In addition, spontaneous talk is encouraged through the use of Group Talk phrases which students can apply to a wide range of topics. This key language is taught initially in Year 7 and embedded all the way through the course so that students can react spontaneously in different scenarios with increasing fluency and confidence.

Independent study is taught explicitly, with students being trained to use dictionaries effectively, and vocabulary phrases being provided to allow students to access a wide range of language of their own choosing.

Term 1.1 Les Bases

In this unit, students will learn the important basics in French: numbers, alphabet, days, months, colours and simple objects. They will be able to introduce themselves and describe themselves and their family. They will learn to say where they live and learn about life in other countries.

Assessment: reading and listening

Term 1.2 C'est perso

Students will learn to talk about their likes and dislikes, and use opinion phrases to express their point of view. They will be able to describe people, objects and activities using adjectives correctly. They will also talk about family members and pets and give basic information about them such as names and ages, and descriptions of their physical appearance and personalities. They will also learn to use the je/tu/il/elle/on (I/you/he/she/we) forms of the verb 'Avoir'-'To have'.

Assessment: speaking

Term 2.1 Mon collège

Students learn to describe life at school. They will be able to tell the time in French, describe a school day, and give developed opinions about school subjects. They learn to conjugate regular -er verbs in the present tense and access longer pieces of text. They also learn to talk about food and find out about school life in French-speaking countries.

Assessment: reading and listening

Term 2.2 Mes passe-temps

Students learn to talk about their hobbies and free-time activities. They learn about technology, sports and games, and express opinions about them. They will also learn to develop more spontaneous conversations and express agreement and disagreement with one another.

Assessment: writing

Term 3.1 Ma zone

Students learn to talk about their local area. They discuss what activities can be done in different places, and learn to invite friends out. They also learn transactional language and will be able to ask for directions in a French-speaking country.

Assessment: reading and listening

Term 3.2 3..2..1..Partez!

Students learn to talk about holidays and the language they need when visiting holiday resorts in French-speaking countries. They learn how to order food and drink, discuss their holiday plans and refer to the future. They also learn to make requests and suggestions for activities with friends.

Assessment: writing

(Nurture Group) Term 1 Les Bases

In this unit, students will learn the important basics in French: numbers, alphabet, days, months, colours and simple objects. They will be able to introduce themselves and describe themselves.

Assessment: reading, listening and speaking

(Nurture Group) Term 2 Ma famille

Students apply their knowledge of the basics of French to talk about life at home. They learn to describe other people, and say talk about where they live in simple detail. They will learn to say where they live and learn about life in other countries.

Assessment: reading, listening and writing

(Nurture Group) Term 3 C'est perso

Students will learn to talk about their likes and dislikes, and use opinion phrases to express their point of view. They will be able to describe people, objects and activities using adjectives correctly. They will also talk about family members and pets and give basic information about them such as names and ages, and descriptions of their physical appearance and personalities. They will also learn to use the je/tu/il/elle/on (I/you/he/she/we) forms of the verb 'Avoir' - 'To have'.

Assessment: reading listening and speaking

Further Information

Please contact the Head of MFL if you require any further information about the foreign languages courses offered at Blue Coat Academy.

Useful websites for additional support

Name of website	Website Address	Useful for:
Linguascope:	www.linguascope.com (username and password available from MFL teachers)	<i>revision of vocabulary</i>
BBC Bitesize	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z9dqxb	<i>exam practice questions</i>
Language Gym	https://www.language-gym.com	<i>grammar and verb conjugation</i>
Duolingo	www.duolingo.com	<i>vocabulary and word order</i>
Activelearn	https://pearsonactivelearn.com/app/Home (username and password available from MFL teachers)	<i>Revision of GCSE topics</i>