

Horningsham Primary School

Modern Foreign Languages: French



Our French programme, delivered through Kapow, nurtures pupils' communication, cultural awareness and linguistic skills, encouraging them to think like confident global citizens. French is taught from Woodpeckers Class (Year 2 - 3), pupils from Owls Class (Years 4–6) develop the confidence to listen, speak, read, and write in French, applying their skills in meaningful contexts such as conversations, role-play and writing for purpose. Lessons are carefully adapted to meet different ages and abilities, ensuring all pupils are challenged and supported.

Each unit focuses on four core strands: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (Owls only). Pupils explore a range of key areas including vocabulary, grammar, conversational skills, songs, stories, and cultural knowledge, including customs and everyday life in French-speaking countries. Kapow's built-in "Mouth Mechanics" activities support accurate pronunciation and oral fluency. Pupils' learning is assessed through books, oral tasks and practical activities, allowing teachers to plan next steps and ensure steady progression.

The curriculum is designed as a spiral programme, revisiting language and concepts with increasing depth and building on prior learning. This approach develops both linguistic confidence and critical thinking, preparing pupils to communicate effectively and engage thoughtfully with the French-speaking world.

While French is not formally part of the Early Years Framework/National Curriculum in KS1, pupils in Robins Class (EYFS/Year 1) are introduced to simple French vocabulary through fun games, songs and activities, fostering curiosity and a love of languages from an early age.

French	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Woodpeckers Cycle A		French greetings with puppets		French adjectives of colour, size and shape		Playground games: number and age
Woodpeckers Cycle B		In a French classroom		Bon Appétit		Shopping for French Food
Owls Cycle A	This is me	School days	Birthday celebrations	Colourful creatures	Fabulous French food	Gourmet tour of France
Owls Cycle B	Portraits: Describing in French	Meet my French family	Clothes: Getting dressed in France	French weather	Exploring the French speaking world	Planning a French holiday
Owls Cycle C	French transport	In my French house	French music celebrations	Verbs in a French week	Visiting a town in France	French sport and the Olympics