

Bienvenue en France! (Welcome to France!)



“At Wingfield, we aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which enables all children to develop a lifelong love of learning; promotes the willingness to question and explore, and enables all children to achieve the highest possible outcomes.”

Wingfield Primary Curriculum

Nowadays, our children need to be prepared to live in a multicultural world, where understanding and accepting each other differences is essential to a better and fairer way of life. Languages are a key element in this understanding.

Following the government guidelines, Wingfield Primary is proud to offer this year a broad and structured French curriculum at KS2. To complement the sessions that the students will receive in their classes, you can find here words, songs, facts, videos, weblinks and more to help your child/children learn and progress in French in between our weekly sessions.

Amusez vous! (Have fun!)

La Francophonie (French-speaking countries)

Did you know that French is not only spoken in France but in many more countries?



Do you know how many?



Map showing where French is spoken worldwide.

Nowadays, French is spoken by 274 millions speakers worldwide, in 29 countries ! However, not all of them are native speakers, which means that sometimes, French is their second, third or even fourth language.



And you, how many languages do you speak?

Below you will find an image of the flags of the different countries where French is spoken.



How many can you recognise?

French Speaking Nations



French Culture



I'm pretty sure you believe that French people are having frogs legs instead of chicken and drink wine for breakfast! Stereotypes can be funny but sometimes they can be quite wrong to!

The French and Francophone culture is extremely rich and we will endeavour to discover some of it during the year.

Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité (Freedom, Equality, Brotherhood)



These 3 words represent the national motto of France. Which means that it shows the beliefs and ideal of the country. It appeared during the French Revolution and nowadays, you can find it written on many different buildings in the country, such as

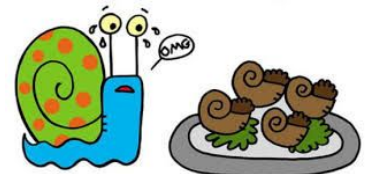
schools, universities, town halls, administration buildings, and most importantly on the French parliament, where all the laws are discussed (images below):



Town hall in a French town

French Food

Let me reassure you: we actually cook the snails before eating them!



Joke aside, French cuisine is one of the most renowned in the world and many specialities are much more mouth-watering! For example, “crêpes” (similar to pancakes), “pain au chocolat”, “croissant”, and of course many “fromage” and “pâtisseries”? In France, each region has it’s very own culinary specialities and there are hundreds of them!





Have you already tried some? Which ones?

French Day at Wingfield

Last year, French Day was a huge success with many opportunities to discover and learn about France et French culture!

(pics from last year French Day)

Let's see what this year will bring!
(add the date if we already know it)

French sounds and phonics

The French alphabet has the same 26 letters as the English alphabet, but they are pronounced differently.

It can seem tricky at first, but with a little bit of practice, you will soon sound like an expert!
Have a look at the alphabet below and try to pronounce the letters.



Can you spell your name in French?

L'alphabet

A ah	B bay	C say	D day	E euh	F eff	G jhay
H ash	I ee	J jhee	K kah	L ell	M emm	N enn
O oh	P pay	Q koo	R air	S ess	T tay	U oo
V vay	W doobluh -vay	X eeks	Y ee- grek	Z zed		

To help you, you can have a look at the videos below, where you will hear the different French letter sounds, try to repeat and sing them afterwards.



How many sounds did you get right? Are you ready to sing the song in class?

[French Alphabet Video](#)

[French Alphabet song for Y3 and Y4](#)

[French Alphabet song for Y5 and Y6](#)

French Grammar



Don't panic !

Yes, French grammar is not easy but it's not very difficult IF you start as you mean to go on. In other words, consistency is the key. Try to imagine yourself building a house: if the

foundations of your house are not well-structured and solid enough, what will your house do? It's likely to fall apart! No surprise there, isn't it? However, if your house has good foundations and scaffolding, you will be able to build a beautiful, massive and strong house and you will be extremely proud of it!

All along the year, you will discover new grammar rules with your teacher. If you feel uncertain about anything, you need to be brave and let your teacher know. He or she will always help you understand, but don't forget, you're in charge of your own learning, it's a team effort!



Bonjour, comment ça va? The basics!

The first thing you learn in a new language is how to greet someone! It shows you are willing to learn and to be polite! And this is very important, whatever language you are using and learning.

In French, you can say:

Bonjour	Hello
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If it's more informal, for example when you're greeting your friends, you say:

Salut	Hi
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Then, usually, you ask how someone is:

Comment ça va?	How are you? (informal)
Comment vas-tu?	How are you? (informal)
Comment allez-vous?	How are you? (formal, or if you are asking more than 1 person)

To be polite is also to express thanks. For this you could say:

Merci / Merci beaucoup	Thank you / Thank you very much
Merci Madame/Monsieur	Thank you Mrs / Mr

And to answer a thank you, you use:

De rien !	You're welcome !
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Finally, when leaving, you can say:

Au revoir !	Goodbye !
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Want to know more? Then, see you in class!



French songs

There are many funny French songs that will help you learn and have fun with French language! Click on the following links and sing along!



[Bonjour ! \(Greetings\)](#)

[Am Stram Gram \(to choose something\)](#)

[To learn the days of the week!](#)

[Dans la forêt lointaine \(in the faraway forest\)](#)

[Au Clair de la Lune \(Under the moonlight\)](#)

[La famille des doigts \(the Fingers Family\)](#)

[Nombres de 1 à 20](#)

[Les couleurs \(Colours\)](#)

[Couleurs et pluriel \(Colours and plural\)](#)

Word of the week



To enhance French practice around the school, each week there will be a “Word of the week” introduced in Assembly to encourage students to practice the language spontaneously among themselves and with their teachers.

Le mot de la fin (The last word)

All children, whatever their origins or mother tongue, have an innate ability to learn languages. This ability needs to be fostered and the new language curriculum aims to provide engaging activities and strong-based learning skills to help our students develop a positive and rich relationship with languages.