



French at Amington Heath

How is this subject taught?

At Amington, French is taught through a carefully planned sequence of lessons, ensuring progressive coverage of the skills required by the national curriculum. Our chosen themes - Time Travelling, Let's Visit a French Town and This Is France - provide an introduction to the culture of French-speaking countries and communities. It aims to foster children's curiosity and help deepen their understanding of the world. A linear curriculum has been chosen to allow opportunity for children to gradually build on their skills. Our French lessons enable children to express their ideas and thoughts in French and provides opportunities to interact and communicate with others both in speech and in writing. At the heart of our French curriculum is the desire to expose children to authentic French, so the scheme offers regular opportunities to listen to native speakers.

Through our French scheme, we intend to inspire pupils to develop a love of languages and to expand their horizons to other countries, cultures and people. We aim to help children grow into curious, confident and reflective language learners and to provide them with a foundation that will equip them for further language studies.

In addition to the specific French lessons, children also discover more about the French culture and their history through RE lessons, history lessons and Geography lessons.

Plan for progression

In Lower KS2, children acquire basic skills and understanding of French with a strong emphasis placed on developing their Speaking and Listening skills. These will be embedded and further developed in Upper KS2, alongside Reading and Writing, gradually progressing onto more complex language concepts.

Enrichment

Key events such as the Olympics, the World cup and European championships allow opportunities to discuss the French culture and experience some of their key cuisines and traditions.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	Getting to Know you	All About Town	Getting to know you	Let's visit a French Town
Autumn 2	All about me	On the Move	All about ourselves	Let's go shopping
Spring 1	Food Glorious Food	Gone Shopping	That's tasty	This is France
Spring 2	Family and Friends	Where in the world	Family and friends	All in a day
Summer 1	Our School	What's the time	School life	
Summer 2	Time	Holidays and hobbies	Time travelling	

Year 3

Mini Adventure	Getting to Know you
Summary	This Getting to Know You unit will teach children about basics of the French language. Your class will learn to greet each other, exchange names, ask how someone is, count to 10 and say how old they are.
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say hello, introduce themselves and say goodbye • Count to ten

Mini Adventure	All about Me
Summary	This unit will teach children to understand and follow instructions, name parts of the body, identify colours and say what they are wearing.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name body parts • Identify colours

Mini Adventure	Food Glorious Food
Summary	Children will learn the vocabulary for a range of food, to express likes and dislikes, and to count and use plural nouns.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say what foods from a set they like/dislike • Ask politely for something

Mini Adventure	Family and Friends
Summary	This 'Family & Friends' unit will teach children how to identify and introduce family and pets and spell their names. They will also learn the names for places in their own home.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and introduce some of their relations • Name some common pets

Mini Adventure	Our School
Summary	This 'Our School' unit will teach children key vocabulary and phrases around the theme of school. Your class will learn vocabulary of school places and objects.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen and respond to topic vocabulary • Write sentences converting le/la to un/une

Mini Adventure	Time
Summary	In this 'Time' unit, children will learn to say the days of the week, months and dates and also count on from 11 to 31.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say and order the days of the week and the months of the year • Count on from 11-31;

Year 4

Mini Adventure	All about Town
Summary	In this 'All Around Town' unit, children will learn to develop their intercultural understanding by being introduced to the sights of some typical French cities. They will also learn to describe places in a town, count to 100 and give their address in French.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and say typical amenities to be found in French towns Say and order multiples of ten;

Mini Adventure	On the Move
Summary	Children will learn to develop their conversational skills via some new topics: transport, direction and movement. They will learn to conjugate the high-frequency verb 'to go' and use it in context.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to simple instructions for direction and movement Follow simple directions to find a place on a map.

Mini Adventure	Gone Shopping
Summary	In this unit, children will learn about the shopping experience in France. Children will learn specific vocabulary of fruit, vegetables and clothes. They will learn key phrases for asking the questions needed when going shopping. The unit concludes with a role play lesson, where children will take on the roles of shoppers and shopkeepers.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen and respond to, and answer questions using the topic vocabulary. Take part in role play as a shopper/ shopkeeper, speaking in French.

Mini Adventure	Where in the world
Summary	This 'Where in the World?' unit will teach children key vocabulary related to countries/continents and animals. Your class will learn specific vocabulary of countries of the United Kingdom, continents and animals from different continents and a country's position related to the equator. They will learn key phrases connected to the themes
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Answer questions orally using the topic vocabulary Use an English/French dictionary to translate from English to French.

Mini Adventure	What's the Time?
Summary	Children will learn how to tell the time: o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. They will learn how to read timetables and TV schedules and answer simple questions about these. The unit is drawn together with a final lesson which is a mathematics lesson, calculating the difference between two times
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Say and write a sentence to tell the time (o'clock) Count in fives to at least 30;

Mini Adventure	Holidays and Hobbies
Summary	In this 'Holidays and Hobbies' unit children will learn key vocabulary related to holidays, weather and seasons, sports and hobbies. They will learn specific vocabulary of how to say what the weather is like, temperatures, names of different sports and hobbies. They will learn key phrases connected to the themes.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write an answer in a sentence using the topic vocabulary

- Present ideas and information orally to a range of audiences.

Year 5

Mini Adventure	Getting to know you
Summary	Children class will apply previous skills and knowledge of topic areas such as spellings and jobs. They will learn to express their emotions and to talk about the future, using two different tenses. An old favourite story provides a fun background for some of the grammar work.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say how they are feeling • Present information about themselves with support.

Mini Adventure	All about Ourselves
Summary	In this unit, children will learn to describe their own appearance and are introduced to some key grammatical features of French, such as the position of adjectives. They have the opportunity to increase their conversational skills.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name some parts of the body • Respond appropriately when asked a simple question;

Mini Adventure	That's tasty
Summary	The 'That's Tasty' unit will teach key vocabulary related to food and drink. Children will learn specific vocabulary of how to say what drinks they like, what they like to eat for breakfast, fillings for sandwiches, toppings for pizzas, what snacks they like and the opening and closing times of shops.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer questions orally using the topic vocabulary • Write an answer in a sentence using a modelled sentence

Mini Adventure	Families and Friends
Summary	Children will expand their vocabulary and consolidate their understanding of descriptive language, including subjective descriptions. They will learn how French adjectives must 'agree' with the noun they describe, in relation to both number and gender. They will find out more about possessive adjectives and explain a family network in detail.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce family members • Say what sort of home they live in and name items inside;

Mini Adventure	School Life
Summary	This 'School Life' unit will teach your class key vocabulary related to objects, subjects and prepositional language. Children will learn questions and answers which they would use at school. They will learn key phrases connected to the themes
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer questions orally and in writing using the topic vocabulary • Take part in a conversation with a partner and show it to an audience.

Mini Adventure	Time Travelling
Summary	Children will talk about key events in French history. They will be introduced to one of the common past tenses in the French language, learning to give dates of birth/death

	for famous French people and begin to use grammatical terms such as conjugation, auxiliary and infinitive verb.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise number words in spoken sentences and say numbers larger than 100 • Match the subject and verb for high-frequency verbs;

Year 6

Mini Adventure	Let's visit a French Town
Summary	Children will apply previous skills and knowledge of topic areas such as places in a town, directions, homes and numbers to develop their speaking and listening abilities. They will have more focused practice using bilingual dictionaries and increase their understanding of word classes and other grammatical features of the language.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make simple sentences with habite (to live) • Identify places in a French town or city;

Mini Adventure	Let's go shopping
Summary	In this 'Let's Go Shopping' unit, children will learn about the shopping experience in France. Children will learn how to use the nuances of colour when describing the colours of clothes and how to use prepositional language. They will learn key phrases for asking the questions needed when going shopping.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take part in role play as a shopper/shopkeeper, speaking in French including greets and responses • Write money amounts in French, up to 500 € in multiples of 50.

Mini Adventure	This is France
Summary	This 'This is France!' unit teaches children key vocabulary related to France and, in particular, Paris. They will learn specific vocabulary to describe France's neighbours and positions/distances of a variety of cities. They will learn the French names for famous French landmarks and how to describe what people do when they visit Paris. They will also learn key phrases connected to the themes which run through this unit.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write numbers in words which are multiples of ten • Describe position up to 4 compass points

Mini Adventure	All in a day
Summary	In this 'All in a Day' unit, children will learn how to tell the time: o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and 5-minute intervals. They will learn how to use 24-hour times and the way in which the French represent a.m. and p.m. times. The children use airport arrival and departure boards and a school timetable to consolidate and practise the skills learned.
Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell the time in 24-hour time - o'clock and half past • Read and interpret timetables in 24-hour times - o'clock and half past.