French at a Glance

Bassingbourn Community Primary School · Key Stage 2

This summary shows how pupils' French develops as they move through Key Stage 2. Our classes are mixed-age, so we share expectations at two points: the end of Year 4 and the end of Year 6.

Key area	By the end of Year 4 pupils can:	By the end of Year 6 pupils can:
Phonics	Recognise key French sounds and letter combinations, and know that accents and silent letters change how words are said.	Use their knowledge of sounds and accents to pronounce new words, and use intonation to show when they are asking a question.
Vocabulary	Use everyday words for greetings and feelings, numbers, colours and shapes, days and months, the classroom, animals and food.	Use a wider range of words to describe people, family, home, clothes, the weather, the town, music, sport and holidays.
Grammar	Know that nouns are masculine or feminine, choose the right word for "a" and "the", match adjectives to the noun and make simple sentences negative.	Change verbs to match who is doing the action, including avoir, être, aller and faire, compare things and give reasons using "parce que".
Listening and reading	Join in with songs and rhymes, and use picture clues, similar English words and a bilingual dictionary to work out meanings.	Listen to and read short authentic texts, pick out key information and use context to work out unfamiliar words.
Speaking and writing	Ask and answer simple questions, give opinions, perform short role-plays and songs, and write short phrases, some from memory.	Take part in short conversations, give a short presentation, explain their opinions and write a short text by adapting sentences they know.
Cultural awareness	Compare festivals and traditions in France and the UK, and learn about Paris, French art, food and money.	Explore countries across the French-speaking world, including their flags and climate, and compare sport in France and the UK.

Pupils revisit each area every year, building on what is secure and extending it through new topics. For more detail on French at Bassingbourn, please contact the school office.