French Curriculum Overview

Bassingbourn Community Primary School · 2026 to 2029

French is taught from Year 3 to Year 6 using the Kapow Primary scheme of work. Our classes are mixed-age, so units follow a two-year rolling programme and each year builds on what pupils already know.

Years 3 and 4 (mixed classes; the two years then alternate)

YEAR	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
2026–27	This is me	School days	Birthday celebrations	Colourful creatures	Fabulous French food	Gourmet tour of France
2027–28	French greetings with puppets	French adjectives of colour, size and shape	Playground games: numbers and age	In a French classroom	Bon appétit	Shopping for French food

Years 5 and 6 (taught as separate classes in 2026–27)

CLASS	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
Year 5	French monster pets	Space exploration in French	Shopping in France	French-speaking world	Verbs in a French week	Meet my French family
Year 6	French sport and the Olympics	French football champions	In my French house	Planning a French holiday	Visiting a town in France	Review and consolidation

Years 5 and 6 (mixed classes from 2027–28; the two years then alternate)

YEAR	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
2027–28	French transport	In my French house	French music celebrations	Verbs in a French week	Visiting a town in France	French sport and the Olympics
2028–29	Portraits: describing in French	Meet my French family	Clothes: getting dressed in France	Verbs in a French week* French weather	Exploring the French-speaking world	Planning a French holiday

* In 2028–29, Spring 2 is split across two units so that pupils study verbs in both Year 5 and Year 6. For pupils in Year 5, the verbs unit introduces conjugation, including regular and common irregular verbs, before they learn to describe the weather (where the verb *faire* is key). In Year 6, pupils revisit verbs from Year 5 and build on what they already know.