

At Thorndown, we are incredibly lucky to have our own specialist French teacher. This ensures the children have a firm and accurate knowledge of the key foundations of language learning. It also reinforces some key grammatical learning from our English lessons too.

We aim to do this by:

- Supporting you to become passionate and confident linguists;
- Teaching you how to develop the language learning skills you need;
- Providing you with a multicultural understanding.

The key topics that our covered in our French curriculum are:

Year 3:

Autumn – The basics: classroom instruction, greetings, colours, numbers, age, date/birthdays, where we live and cultural aspects of France (eg. flag, location).

Spring – The story of The Hungry Caterpillar focusing on sounds, gender, food, the alphabet, days of the week and adjectives. We also explore animals, looking at adjectives and habitat description.

Summer - At the doctor: body parts, gender, plurals, revision of colours using description eg. hair/eyes, where it hurts (j'ai mal a la/au/aux) and using the negative (je n'ai pas).



Year 4:

Autumn – We explore the weather by looking at weather vocabulary, revision of days of the week, the seasons, revision of where we live, cities in France, compass points and the cultural aspects of Christmas.

Spring – Our families: family members, how to describe them, pronouns and verb forms.

Summer - Sports, with a focus on gender of words, plurals, verb forms and the use of the negative form to describe our likes and dislikes.