MFL (French) Progression of skills Y3-6

Key Areas	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Listening	Listen and respond to familiar spoken words and phrases. Use a gesture/action, hold up a picture to identify specific words etc. when listening to songs, poems, simple stories. Understand and respond to a few familiar spoken words and short phrases, spoken slowly and clearly. Follow simple classroom instructions.	Listen for specific phonemes, words and phrases. Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding. Pick out known words in a conversation/short text. Understand and respond to a range of familiar spoken words and short phrases. Respond to a wider range of classroom instructions. Enjoy listening to songs, poems and stories. Listen carefully and identify familiar words.	Begin to show understanding of more complex phrases and sentences. Understand and respond to a wider range of spoken vocabulary. Understand the main points of a short spoken passage made up of a few familiar words and phrases e.g. a story, directions etc. Have the confidence to listen to longer texts that contain familiar and unfamiliar language and pick out some key points.	Understand the main points and simple opinions in spoken sources e.g. story, song or passage Understand longer and more complex phrases or sentences e.g. descriptions, information, instructions Listen to texts read by French speakers (not the teacher). Understand that some sounds and letter combinations need to be said and written differently from in English Listen to spoken foreign language for details and gist. Identify key points and some detail. Follow a wide range of classroom instructions.
Speaking	Communicate with others using simple words, phrases and short sentences. Explore the patterns and sounds of language to help develop accurate pronunciation and intonation. Use simple greetings. Ask and answer simple questions. Express simple opinions.	a wider range of questions and presenting short pieces of information. Explore the patterns and sounds of language to help develop accurate pronunciation and intonation Use a wider range of familiar nouns and adjectives to talk about themselves. Ask and answer questions using a wider range of question forms and to seek help in the classroom. Express preference about what they like/dislike. Join in speaking activities willingly and confidently.	Take part in short conversations using familiar structures and vocabulary. Use simple conjunctions to build more complex sentences and present information to others. Understand and express more complex opinions. Explore the patterns of sounds of language to help accurate pronunciation and intonation. Seek help and clarification, give simple instructions and directions and begin to understand future intentions. Take part in conversations expressing likes, dislikes and preferences and have the vocabulary to enable this. Pronounce the alphabet with increasing accuracy. Take part in role plays and recite short peoms etc.	Use spoken language to initiate and sustain simple conversations on familiar topics and to describe incidents or tell stories from own experience. Understand and begin to use the past tense to describe events. Present to an audience e.g. role-play, presentation, performance. Understand and use transactional language. Give a description e.g. of a town. Seek clarification of meaning. Talk about the past in simple terms. Express and justify opinions e.g. I like netball because it's fun.

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Writing

Recognise and understand some Read and understand familiar written Read a variety of short simple texts in Read aloud from a text with good expression. different formats and in different contexts. familiar written words and words, phrases and short texts made Read and understand the main points and phrases Show awareness of of simple sentences. some detail from a short written passage. sound-spelling links. Focus on correct pronunciation and Read a wider range of words, phrases intonation, using tone of voice and gesture to Read in groups, simple play scripts, poems, Read and understand familiar and sentences aloud. convey meaning when reading aloud. their own written work, descriptions etc. nouns. Follow text while listening and reading Practise reading aloud a poem to perform in Read and understand the main points and Read aloud familiar words and at the same time. Apply phonic assembly. some detail from a short written passage e.g. phrases from stories, songs and knowledge to support reading and extract from a story, weather report, poem, read words, phrases and sentences rhymes with reasonable accuracy. Read a variety of short simple texts e.g. instructional texts, simple newspaper article stories, poems, texts from the Internet, nonaloud with increasingly accurate Identify familiar words in a short fiction texts, emails from a partner school Read aloud with increasing confidence, pronunciation. text e.g. a short verse of a poem, that contain familiar and new vocabulary. accuracy and expression and know that two or three sentences taken Understand key points in simple texts symbols such as accents, cedillas and Work well with a partner to work out a short from a familiar story or song, and using familiar language. umlauts exist in the foreign language, why give their meaning in English. text containing familiar and unfamiliar they are used and what they do. Understand that symbols such as language. accents, cedillas and umlauts exist in Read aloud, as a class or group, a Be willing to have a go at tackling the chorus or refrain from a familiar pronunciation of new and unfamiliar words, the foreign language and that these Enjoy the challenge of working out the text displayed on the board. affect the pronunciation of words. meaning of unfamiliar language. using phonic knowledge gained throughout KS2. Read aloud and understand a Begin to use a bilingual dictionary to Apply phonic knowledge when meeting new check the meaning of new words. simple conversation with a words. Understand key points in short written texts in unfamiliar contexts. partner that uses familiar language. Find the meaning of new words by using a bilingual dictionary. Write sentences and construct short texts

Write some familiar simple words using a model and some from memory.

Write one or two simple sentences, using a model e.g. name and age to introduce themselves.

Label a drawing e.g. monster face.

Write a short text using a model. Write a few simple sentences from memory. Apply phonic knowledge to support writing.

Write a few simple sentences using a word bank to describe.

Begin to use pronouns.

Write simple sentences and short texts using a model.

Use a dictionary to check the spelling of words.

Write three or four sentences using a word/phrase bank linked to a recent area of learning.

Use simple conjunctions such as and, but, because to form more complex sentences.

Write sentences and construct short texts using a model. Write a few sentences from memory, using knowledge of words, text and structure.

Use adjectives to add interest and detail to a description. Use some simple adverbs to make sentences more interesting.

Make statements about what they read. Writing reflects understanding of gender of nouns, forming the plural, word order, agreement of high frequency adjectives.

			Change elements in a given text e.g. ingredients, colour and size.	Writing may also show some understanding of past and future tense.
Grammar	Understand some basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied: • gender – masculine, feminine – nouns (singular) • word order of adjectives • how to form the negative Match the correct definite/indefinite to a series of familiar nouns (e.g. fruits and vegetables) with increasing accuracy. Notice (where relevant) that the definite/indefinite article changes according to gender of noun. Use picture cards to build phrases to show position of a few adjectives of colour e.g. a red dog, a yellow cat. Notice differences in word order. Begin to understand how the negative is formed in the new language e.g. make a human sentence for I don't like chocolate.	Understand some basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied: • gender – masculine, feminine neuter – nouns (singular and plural); adjectives, pronouns • verbs - 1 st, 2nd 3rd persons in questions and answers • how to form the negative Match correctly definite/indefinite article to singular and plural familiar nouns. Understand that the definite article/indefinite article changes according to the gender of noun and whether it is singular or plural. Place familiar adjectives e.g. size and colour in correct order. Select the correct colour adjective to describe masculine and feminine nouns. Notice that endings can change according to gender of the nouns they describe. Begin to use pronouns. Show an understanding of 1st, 2nd and 3rd person in present tense singular e.g. ask and answer questions Do you like cheese? Yes I like cheese. Does he like swimming? Yes he likes swimming. Form the negative to give answers to simple questions about likes/dislikes e.g. I don't like with increasing	Understand some basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied: • gender – masculine, feminine, neuter – adjectives, possessive pronouns • verbs – how to form the future tense, conjugation of present tense verbs. Explain confidently the word order for familiar adjectives. Adapt endings to familiar adjectives with increasing accuracy. Explain with confidence how to form the negative in simple sentences Begin to know how to form the future tense e.g. I am going swimming on Wednesday. Begin to see how possessive articles e.g. my, his, her change according to gender e.g. Jane is my sister. Understand the word order of familiar adjectives and apply correct endings, singular and plural, with increasing accuracy. Be introduced to the concept of conjugation of verbs in the new language - the present tense of commonly used verbs e.g. to be, to have, to eat, to play, to go	Understand some basic grammar appropriate to the language being studied: • verbs –begin to use the past tense, reinforce understanding of future tense • adverbs • gender - – masculine, feminine, neuter - nouns and adjectives. Begin to use past tense/future tense in spoken work e.g. when giving a weather report, when describing what they had to eat that day/what they are going to do. Understand the importance of gender in singular and plural nouns and check gender in a bilingual dictionary. Show some understanding of past and future tense in spoken and written work. Use high frequency adjectives with reasonable accuracy ie word order and endings. Apply understanding of conjugation to two or three familiar verbs in the present tense.

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