

Foreign Languages Newsletter Summer 2022

We have had a fantastic time in languages over the last few months. It was wonderful for our year 5 children and parents and carers to once again attend the MAT French café, which was held at Millthorpe School. Our children were fantastic and enjoyed using their French knowledge in a real situation with the help of teachers from all our MAT schools. It was also a brilliant opportunity to make new friends from other MAT primary schools and to spend the day at Millthorpe.

The new UKS2 summer MFL club has been a great success this term and has been very well attended. Children worked on languages of their choice, including Japanese, Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, Russian and German. The children also enjoyed tasting some German food. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and appreciation of languages.

Here are some of the other things we have been up to in languages in school.

Reception

Reception have been busy practising all of their knowledge and have been learning new songs such as "Vole Vole Vole Papillon". As part of their learning they have looked at how to travel to France and as part of art week they were describing paintings using French colours. They also loved learning the names of fruits alongside their Big idea and enjoyed the song "J'aime les fruits". They are beginning to show awareness of connections between languages and are ready to move to year one! They have had a super year and I am very proud of their progress and was delighted to see their amazing singing performance. (Miss Lupton)

Year 1

After a truly fabulous year of French, Year 1 have, during this last half-term, begun an introduction to German and have been getting to know our German puppet friends, Felix and Franz. Felix and Franz, who are a frog and a duck, have come over to York from Berlin Zoo! Alongside basic phrases and greetings, we have therefore been learning the names for some animals you might find in a Zoo, as well as learning to say and recognise colours, numbers and fruit. All the children in Year 1 have been absolutely amazing language superstars this year - a huge well done to all of you! (Mrs Merritt)

Year 2

The enthusiasm for languages in Year 2 has been infectious this year! We completed our French by May half-term and have dedicated our final half-term to Spanish! Together we have been learning interesting facts about Spain's culture and traditions, and covered "Getting To Know You!" words and phrases to talk to our friends, numbers 1-10, colours and drawn portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso. Thank you Year 2 for your amazing enthusiasm for languages - you are all absolutely brilliant! (Mrs Wareham)

Year 3

Year 3 have had an excellent term, and have spent some time consolidating their knowledge in preparation for year 4. They have enjoyed their own French breakfast and were fantastic at asking for food and drink in French. They were also delighted to receive answers to their questions from our French link school about the village of Latresne and enjoyed comparing life and school in France to the UK. They have also enjoyed learning about French phonics sounds and linking this to vocabulary and phrases they already know. Bravo year 3! (Miss Lupton)



Year 4

Year 4 have been super linguists this year. They have finished the year by learning about high numbers, prices and euros and conducting their own shopping conversations. The children have also enjoyed using their Chrome books to help them revise and consolidate their knowledge of dictionary use, nouns and gender, colour adjectives, weather and verbs. They have also enjoyed the BBC supermovers weather song. They are now ready for the progression into year 5. Fantastique! Miss Lupton

Year 5

Year 5 have had an exciting term and this year I have been so very proud of each and every one of them as they continue to develop their linguistic knowledge and skills. This term we have learnt vocabulary for places in town and looked at a French text describing some of the famous monuments in Paris. We then did a Virtual Tour of some of the famous sights. The children loved learning about the Eiffel Tower and then their own tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. We have been learning how to ask for tickets and Year 5 have then been creating and using more complex dialogues during

the MAT French café day. They represented their school brilliantly during this event and I was super proud to receive such excellent feedback from other teachers about their French skills. (Miss Lupton)



Year 6

Year 6 have been looking forward to and preparing for year 7 languages. In French we focused on key phonics, grammar and -er regular verbs. The children enjoyed making verb illustrations to help them learn the subject pronouns and verb endings. They have become very proficient in using verbs in the present tense. They have also been learning to sing a French song "On écrit sur les murs" and have performed this in school assembly. They were very impressive! We have ended the year with a French language film "Petit Nicolas" which has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to appreciate the French language.

I have loved teaching year 6 and will really miss them next year. Good luck to each and every one of them as they continue their linguistic journey!

Finally, If anyone is lucky enough to venture overseas during the summer break, I would be grateful for any photographs, leaflets, newspapers and magazines in different languages and of course I would love to hear about any of our super linguists using their knowledge!

Bonnes vacances! Happy Holidays!

Miss Lupton