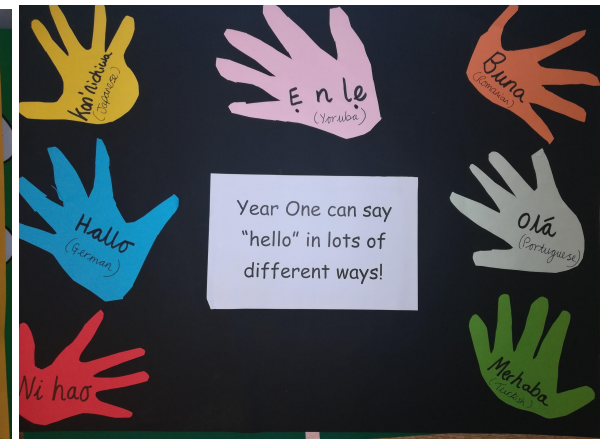


Foreign Languages Newsletter Autumn 2021

We have had a very busy but fantastic time in languages this term. The whole school enjoyed celebrating European Day of languages in September. We received videos from each of our link schools in France, Germany, Italy and Spain and the children loved hearing about these schools and seeing the children and teachers there. They also enjoyed celebrating the 24 home languages we have in our school community and each cohort made celebratory posters which are on display in the hall. We are in regular contact with our link schools and this is a very enriching experience for our children. Here are some of our global celebration posters.



Reception

Reception have been busy recapping key greetings, numbers and colours and have then been looking at France as part of their Big Idea. We have looked at France as a country and looked at food, the countryside and what French school is like. We have been learning a new French finger rhyme (2 petits oiseaux) and have then been working on a beautiful Christmas song (Entre le Boeuf et l'âne gris) and we have sent Christmas

pictures to our link schools in France and also Germany, Italy, Spain and Germany. We will be finishing the term by looking in more detail and Christmas in France.

Year 1

The Year 1 children have worked incredibly hard this term and I am so proud of them all; they are absolutely "fantastique", to the point where we have been able to pack in such a lot of content into our weekly French sessions. Through songs, stories, games and activities, the children never cease to impress me with their confidence and enthusiasm. They are getting so good at saying their names, how they are feeling, as well as saying, recognising and, in some cases, writing numbers to 10, colours, days of the week, months of the year and the four seasons! We have also practised saying our ages and singing "happy birthday" in French to anyone who happens to be turning six! We are about to focus on some French Christmas facts and vocabulary and will be getting crafty by making some festive bunting to wish "Joyeux Noël" to our link school in France. (Mrs Merritt)

Year 2

What an amazing, action-packed first term we have had in Year 2. The children have all worked incredibly hard with a fantastic and infectious enthusiasm for learning in our French lessons. Songs, games, activities and stories have been used to give the children an increasing confidence in introducing themselves, saying how they feel and how old they are. They have counted up to 20 and worked on days of the week, months of the year, the seasons, how to say and write their birthdays and their favourite colours. As Christmas is drawing ever nearer, the children have learned parts of the head and body by labelling Father Christmas and we have also made two beautiful class cards to send to our link school in France.

We will end the term by making traditional Christmas cards and learning about how Christmas is celebrated in France!

Thank you Year 2, you are all "magnifique!" (Mrs Wareham)

Year 3

I have been delighted to teach the children in year 3 again! They have all made a super start to KS2 French and have been developing their knowledge of French greetings, sounds, numbers and have started to learn more about nouns. They are currently talking about ages, dates and birthdays and have just sent beautiful and accurately written handwritten cards to children at our link schools in France. They have been fantastique! (Miss Lupton)

Year 4

Year 4 Have had a super busy term so far. They have revised key greetings and personal information and have learnt to talk about themselves, family and friends using

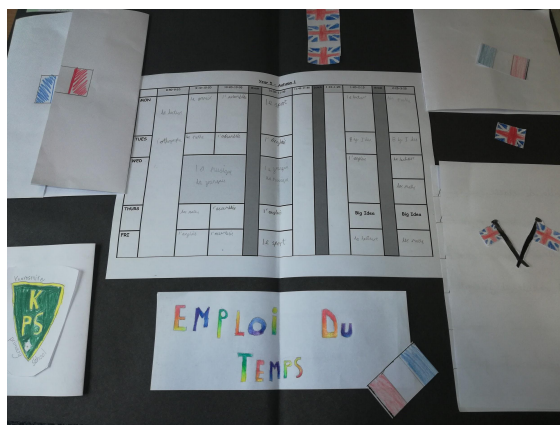
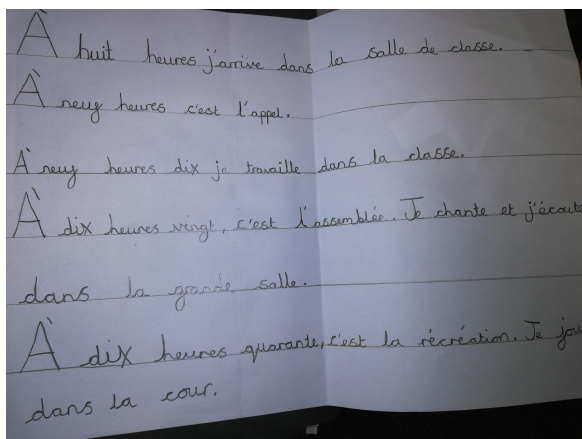
the first and third person. The children enjoyed using BBC videos and a range of songs to help develop their listening skills. They sent their wonderful writing to our link schools in France and await replies.

This half term they have been describing the weather and practising pronunciation rules to help them say the names of French towns and weather phrases. They have also enjoyed playing language games to help with speaking skills. They have been developing writing skills by revisiting the days, months and seasons to help make more interesting sentences about the weather.

Year 5

Year 5 have been an absolute pleasure to teach so far. They are hardworking, ambitious and resilient. They started the year off by looking at school life in France and learnt a variety of key nouns and verbs to describe our school and our school day, including revision of the time. We then worked together to make lovely information booklets to send to our link schools in France. We have included lots of questions about life in a French school and we have watched videos about it. We can't wait to receive replies! We have then continued into our new topic of food by using dictionary skills to help us understand the school lunch menu from our link school in France and comparing it to ours. We are now using French opinions and food vocabulary and will be finishing off with a whole class shopping role play activity so that we can practise asking for food in reality. Finally, the children have enjoyed making contact with year 5 children in El Cim school, Spain and have exchanged letters with them. (Miss Lupton)





Year 6

Year 6 are amazing linguists. They have been very busy every lesson! They started the year revising personal information and French phonics and then moved on to speak, read and write about their hobbies and sports using dictionary skills, present tense verbs, negatives, opinions and reasons. They wrote postcards to France and included a variety of linguistic structures which are becoming increasingly complex. Using language for real purpose is very enriching and gives the children a sense of purpose and pride in their work. They are now moving on to designing their own dream house and describing it using more complex language. They have been describing singular and plural nouns, using a range of adjectives. They will also be watching clips from a French property programme.

Our year 6 children have also made contact with year 6 children at El Cim school in Spain, in preparation for the Barcelona visit.

Bonnes vacances et Joyeux Noël! Happy Holidays!

Miss Lupton