Implementation: Curriculum Narrative





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Key Knowledge Pupils will know

Key SkillsPupils will be able to

Key Threshold Concepts:

Subject Skills:

Awareness of gender

Awareness of key graphemes/phonemes (phonics) and that these are different in French and English

- Equipped with useful strategies to memorise vocab and an understanding of why this is an essential language learning skill
- Verbs come from the infinitive and need to be changed for person, tense and number
- Understanding that word for word translations don't always work
- There are multiple strategies that allow you to decode other languages.
- Communication is key find a way.

In addition to KS3 threshold concepts.

- Awareness of different grammatical features which are affected by gender and number
- Awareness that tenses exist beyond past, present and future
- Imperfect tense is a past tense used for formal written communication
- There are multiple ways to ask questions and these methods can be applied to any situation
- Equipped with useful strategies to understand and analyse complex written texts on a range of topics
- Equipped with useful strategies to deduce meaning of spoken language in a wide variety of situations
- Develop spoken and written responses as far as possible
- Giving and expanding opinions is essential

Term 1 -

Future aspirations, study and work (GCSE module 7)

- Use correct register and apply for a job
- Recognise subjunctive verbs
- Use adverbs
- use direct object pronouns in perfect tense
- Use common irregular comparatives and superlatives
- Use après avoir/ après être
- Use modal verbs in perfect tense

The Environment, International and global dimension (GCSE module 8)

- Use subordinate clauses
- Use comparatives and superlatives
- Compare and contrast
- Discuss and debate the importance and relevance of things
- Understand and recognise the passive
- Understand complex dates and numbers
- Use modal verbs in the conditional tense
- Use indirect object pronouns

Term 2 - GCSE revision and exam skills

- Strategies for all exams (walking talking mocks)
- Asking and answering speaking questions
- Role-plays
- Describing pictures
- Speaking spontaneously
- Repair strategies
- Dealing with speaking pressure
- Writing essays
- Translations (to include common pitfalls)

Term 3 – Exams and speaking exams

- Asking and answering speaking questions
- Role-plays
- Describing pictures
- Speaking spontaneously
- Repair strategies
- Dealing with speaking pressure

Context

Previously seen vocabulary will be revisited by its deliberate reoccurrence in listening and reading tasks. As we progress through the year, end of unit assessments will increasingly contain more





questions/vocab from previous units. Additionally, ongoing vocab tests will include words from previously learned lists. Quizlet will be used as the main platform to monitor pupils' vocab learning at home, although additional learning strategies will be shared with pupils and they will be encouraged to use these as well.

Previously learned skills will be revisited, again through their appearance in written and spoken texts. Such texts will be analysed and questioning used to encourage pupils to spot and understand grammatical features that they have already studied. In assessments, translation, speaking and writing tasks will require pupils to include a variety of grammar and linguistic structures from their previous learning, in addition to the most recently learned.

Low stakes testing, for example quizzes and mini whiteboard activities, will also be used regularly in lessons to check pupil's understanding of previously taught concepts. Past exam paper questions will also be used for this purpose.

Subject Specific Knowledge and Sequencing:

<u>Grammar</u>

Use comparatives and superlatives
Understand and recognise the passive
Understand complex dates and numbers
Use modal verbs in the conditional tense
Use indirect object pronouns
future tense verb endings

Vocab

vocab to compare, contrast and debate
Environment vocab
Campaigns and good causes vocab
Rephrase and repair strategies for speaking exam
Vocab to describe pictures
Role-play rubrics and answer phrases
Essay phrases
sectors and tasks at work vocab

Culture

Develop pupils' awareness of campaigns and causes relevant to French speaking countries.

Authentic literary texts to be used as appropriate to build pupils skills at understanding and interpreting such texts.

Prerequisites and Spiral Teaching:

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Students will enter year 11 having nearly covered all the content of the GCSE course. Term 1 will see them complete the final units and terms 2 and 3 will focus on development of exam skills and revision of all the language, structures and grammar which they have learned since the beginning of year 9.

- Phonics have been introduced and practised in key stage
 Key phonemes to be pointed out whenever they occur in new words
- Numbers /days / months / times to be used in French for classroom communication wherever relevant. Numbers and times will be specifically revisited in term 1.
- Introducing and giving information about yourself constant re-visiting of how to do this at the start of written/spoken tasks and assessments. This will be especially prevalent in term 3 where information will be used in role plays.
- avoir/être in present tense point them out to students whenever they occur in texts and make sure students know when they are using them.
- Students have been introduced to a wide range of adjectives in KS3. These will be used throughout resources used for teaching new topics.
- Giving and expanding opinions –Students to be encouraged to use previously learned opinion structures to give opinions spontaneously on a range of structures.





- Previously learned topic vocab will be revised as it is encountered in exam questions and other resources.
- Present tense verb endings re-visit whenever a new present tense verb is introduced and make sure students can use it with all pronouns
- Key irregular verbs in present tense –point them out to students whenever they occur in texts and encourage use of them when students write/speak
- Future tense point it out in texts and use the examples to remind students of its formation. Encourage them to use it to extend their written and spoken answers.
- Perfect tense point it out in texts and use the examples to remind students of its formation. Encourage them to use it to extend their written and spoken answers.
- Reflexive and separable verbs point them out to students when they occur in texts and ensure students can use new verbs with a full range of pronouns.
- Asking questions this will be practised with a range of contexts and topics throughout the year and a particular emphasis will be placed on this in term 3 when preparing for the speaking exam.

Cross-Curricular Knowledge Links:

- English Parts of speech, grammar, literacy terms
- English Reading for gist, skimming, scanning and decoding text
- English Developing oracy
- Maths simple use of numbers $(+/-/x/\div)$
- Geography different countries/cultures
- Promoting positive relationships
- Science/Geography climate change causes and impacts
- Memory skills used across the curriculum

Reading Lists / Sources / Reading around the subject recommendations:

- Edexcel GCSE 9-1 French textbooks (Foundation and higher)
- The little Prince in French or English
- The three Muskateers in French or English
- Tintin
- Asterix and Obelix
- Little Nicholas in French or English
- Mr Men books in French
- Harry Potter in French

www.quizlet.com

www.languagesonline.org.uk

www.memrise.com

www.wordreference.com (online dictionary)

www.french.about.com/index.htm