

French – Mrs Leigh



Hello. I'm Mrs Leigh and I am the Languages Lead here at Hanwell. I'm not a language expert, I'm a language learner and I'd like to encourage our students to be language learners too. Our chosen focus is French but studying any language is, in my opinion, a good thing. Why? Mainly because it's fun, but it can help you develop an appreciation of your own first language and how it works. It's an opportunity to reinforce your knowledge of grammar terms, like 'verb' and 'preposition'.

Learning and speaking a different language improves your memory and keeps your brain working. Once you have done a bit of learning in one language, you'll find learning a second one much easier. Very importantly, there are children in our school whose first language is not English. They must work hard to understand instructions and information every day. French lessons can give the rest of us a little taste of what that's like! Finally, it's a chance to look beyond our own shores and celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of other countries.

Challenge yourself to boost your brain power this term by doing something involving a foreign language. My goal is to be able to read the Harry Potter stories in French. Can you work out how far I've got? I've just started reading 'Harry Potter et le Prisonnier d'Azkaban'.

French for Years 3 and 4

Practice some French greetings.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zhvg9mn/articles/z4c3382>




jour = day nuit = night

Can you match up the French phrases with their pictures?

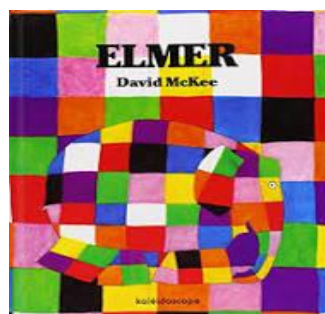
Voici un serpent.

Voici trois cochons.



Voici deux chats.	
Voici une souris et un lapin.	
Voici un chat blanc.	
Voici un chat noir.	

Listen to a story read in French.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhf2m9Rncww>

You don't need to understand all of it but listen out for some cognates and near-cognates (éléphant, différent, couleur).

And you can remind yourself of the French words for colours!

Can you remember some animal names?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDcgM_U22XU

Listen out for;

une vache (cow), une brebis (ewe-a female sheep), un cochon (pig),
un chat (cat), une poule (chicken), un chien (dog).

French for Years 5 and 6

Refresh your knowledge of adjectives and word order:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6d98xs/articles/zqx6dp3>

Practise naming parts of the body and using numbers:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjcbri6/articles/zdxwcmn>

Harry Potter

Faites correspondre les titres des aventures Harry Potter en anglais et français.
(Match up the French and English book titles in the Harry Potter series.)

Anglais	Français
1. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.	a. Harry Potter et La Coupe de Feu.
2. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.	b. Harry Potter à l'Ecole des Sorciers.
3. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.	c. Harry Potter et L'Ordre du Phénix.
4. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.	d. Harry Potter et la Chambre des Secrets.
5. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.	e. Harry Potter et Les Reliques de la Mort.
6. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.	f. Harry Potter et le Prisonnier d'Azkaban.
7. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.	g. Harry Potter et Le Prince de sang-mêlé.

A few clues: la mort = death coupe = bowl or large cup The word 'prisonnier' is a near-cognate.

Listen to a story read in French.

You don't need to understand all of it (but there is a translation). Just enjoy listening to a story read by a French speaker.

Try to pick out a few key nouns; baleine (whale) oiseau (bird), poisson (fish).

Listen out for some verbs; regarder (look), parler (speak), aimer (like/love), penser (think), nager (swim).



<https://www.thefrenchexperiment.com/stories/bird-and-whale>