

The Primary French Project

The Primary French Project is a collaboration between

- The Association for Language Learning (ALL)
- Network for Languages
- Institut français du Royaume-Uni (IFRU)

The purpose of the Primary French Project is to support any primary school in the UK that wishes to teach French throughout Key Stage 2 as part of the statutory curriculum.

Materials and guidance are freely available from Culturethèque at www.culturetheque.org.uk.

French teaching materials for use in the KS2 classroom have the following aims:

- **to exemplify the Programme of Study for Languages in Key Stage 2**
- **to train teachers with little or no knowledge of French (language and methodology)**

The materials support all teachers of French in KS2 by:

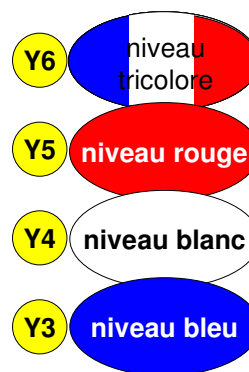
- providing class teaching materials that develop the teacher's subject knowledge (French language and culture);
- saving planning time - all materials include half-termly planning and weekly lesson plans;
- saving preparation time - all materials include easy-to-use PowerPoint presentations to enable teachers to deliver each lesson through the interactive whiteboard, together with printable picture cards and word cards, and links to French story books on line;
- providing exemplification of the Programme of Study for Languages in KS2, with strong links to literacy;
- providing a scaffolding for linguistic progression throughout KS2;

Primary French Project Training

Although the Primary French Project materials can be used to teach children, their core purpose is to be a mechanism that trains the teacher. By using the materials to teach children, the teacher's subject knowledge is developed in terms of vocabulary, linguistic progression, grammar, pronunciation, intonation and spelling, as well as cultural knowledge. Primary French training is developed over a minimum of four years, starting with *niveau bleu*, then moving on to *niveau blanc*, *niveau rouge* and *niveau tricolore*.

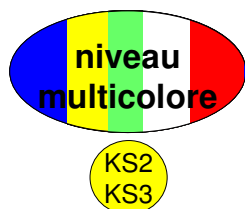
A complete course of KS2 French training comprises:

- 1st year of training - use *niveau bleu* materials to teach children in year 3;
- 2nd year of training - use *niveau blanc* materials to teach children in year 4;
- 3rd year of training - use *niveau rouge* materials to teach children in year 5;
- 4th year of training - use *niveau tricolore* materials to teach children in year 6.



Primary French training at each level is achieved as the teacher uses the materials for a minimum of one school year for:

- planning
- delivery
- assessment



Training for secondary teachers is identified as *niveau multicolore*, and this is designed to help secondary teachers to understand the primary experience and to build upon it in Key Stage 3 and beyond.

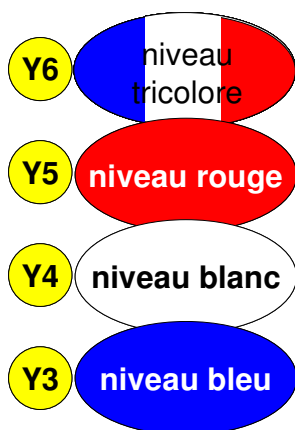
Training at each level begins when the Primary French materials are introduced by means of a one-day course to teachers, subject leaders, headteachers, governors, advisors or trainers. The materials can then be disseminated and used in schools by any practitioner or trainer who has attended the initial training day, or who has been introduced to the materials by a colleague who has attended the initial training day.

The introductory training days are run throughout the country by Network for Languages. For details of training events in your region, please see www.culturetheque.org.uk/PFFtraining, or contact your local Network for Languages Centre.

Additionally, primary schools are strongly encouraged to become members of the Association for Language Learning. ALL Primary Hubs across the country will offer focussed support that can help teachers to further develop their subject knowledge, and their confidence in the classroom.

Primary French Project Accreditation

Delegates who attend the introductory training day receive an attendance certificate. Teachers who use the materials as recommended, to teach French to children throughout a whole school year, may download a certificate, as evidence that they have completed the training at the corresponding level.



KS2 practitioners should start at **niveau bleu** level, before moving on to **niveau blanc**, **niveau rouge** and **niveau tricolore**.

The full length of training for KS2 French is a minimum of four years.

Full training in one level or “niveau” should be completed before moving to the next level. For example, teachers should complete **niveau bleu** before embarking on **niveau blanc**.

Training Log

A downloadable log is currently being developed and will be available on **Culturethèque** from June 2014. The log will help schools to provide evidence of training and development in terms of primary French teaching.

What about evidence of continuity between KS2 and KS3?

Training and support for secondary teachers of French will be offered as part of the project, to enable secondary teachers to build on children’s prior learning. This level of training is known as **niveau multicolore**. A similar log for secondary schools will be downloadable from **Culturethèque** in due course. The log will help secondary MFL departments to show how they are building upon children’s prior learning in French.

