

L'Institut Français - a teacher's view

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The Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, which is part of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the UK, offers excellent support, resources, courses, training, mobility programmes, competitions and partnerships for teachers in both primary and secondary sectors, on and offline. It is at the helm of a wider network of 2 Instituts and 11 Alliances françaises in the UK.

The organisation has a wide range of free educational resources for primary and secondary teachers and students of French at all levels, including worksheets, PowerPoints, subtitled documentaries, reading notes, grammar and language e-books, and more. In addition, schools can visit the Institut Français's cinema and Mediathèque, or enjoy a 'virtual' French day with activities from the Language Centre via the Internet. I am hoping to plan a virtual French day for my school in the autumn.

I have used story books such as this one with my infant classes: <https://www.storyplayr.com/histoire/la-soupe-des-trois-ours/playr?p=15>

Teachers can join the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/primaryfrench.ifru> to source a huge number of links to lesson plans, printable resources (powerpoints, knowledge organisers, stories, rhymes, stories) and assessments for each level. The wealth of resources has enhanced my teaching and I have personally used a variety of presentations, rhymes and stories in my KS1 and KS2 teaching, with great success as the children thoroughly enjoyed learning through them.

There is also a dedicated Primary French Project space within the IFPROFS group in and you can subscribe, free of charge, to the international IFPROFS group and regular newsletter to benefit from digital tools for teaching and learning with thousands of educational resources: www.ifprofs.org/. I have subscribed and receive regular newsletters full of invaluable information.

Teacher training is offered for current teachers, PGCE students, Foreign Language Assistants, and FLE teachers. An annual French teachers' conference is organised in

partnership with ALL and Network for Languages with inspiring presentations by some of the best speakers and trainers in languages pedagogy, and networking opportunities with fellow professionals to share best practice. I have attended this annual conference every year and would highly recommend it.

The Institut Français offers advice on becoming a Foreign Language Assistant in schools in France or the UK, and on how to host one in your own school.

Mobility programmes are available allowing teachers and school staff to train or teach abroad for short-term (2 weeks) or long-term (1 year) stays.

The Institut Français can help establish partnerships with French schools to promote cultural and language exchanges.

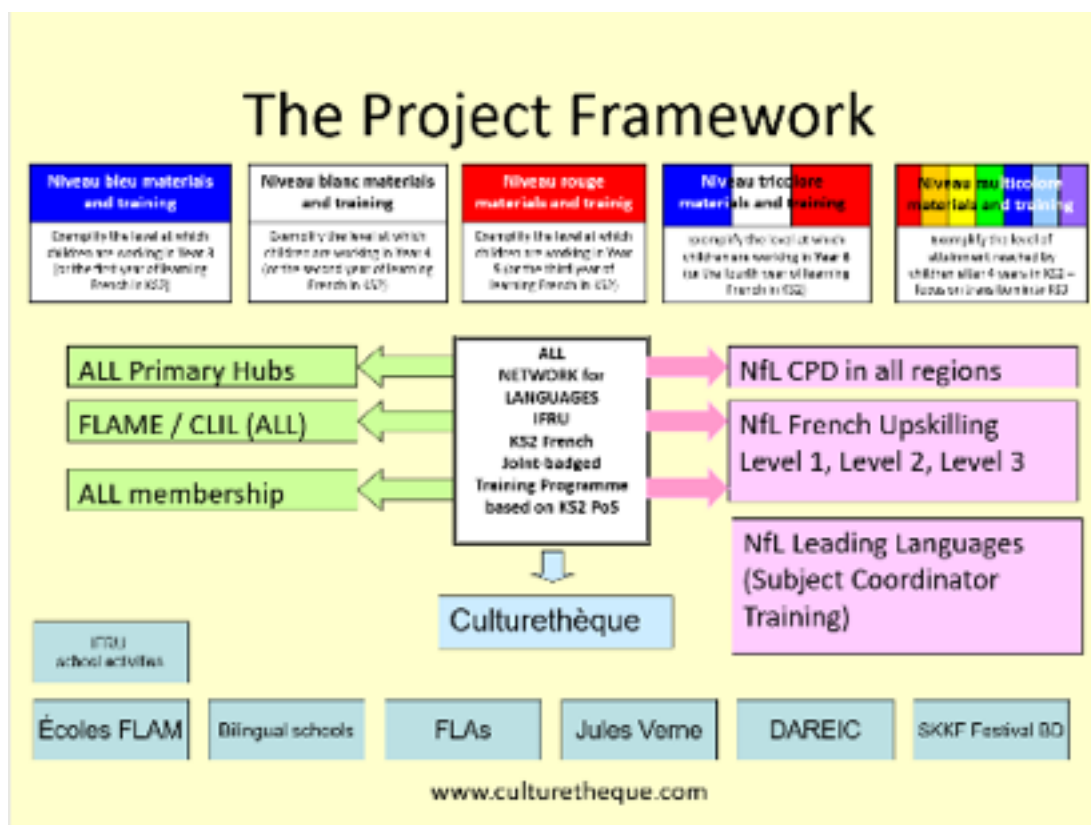
A French Pop Video Competition (primary and secondary) is held annually, with great prizes to win. Click here for information about the 2020 creative language project:

👉 <http://bit.ly/FRENCHPOPVIDEOCOMPETITION2020>

For those interested in DELF examinations, awarded by the French Ministry of Education, and recognised throughout Europe and beyond, the Institut Français can train teachers to become accredited examiners and help organise a DELF French exam in teachers' schools.



Culturethèque is the free digital platform of the Institut Français. It is an online library featuring more than 200,000 e-books, videos, podcasts in French or about France, as well as French language



learning resources. The Primary French project devised by Catherine Cheater is found in the Culturethèque website: <https://www.culturetheque.com/EXPLOITATION/GBR/primary-french.aspx> It is a partnership (of the Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, the Association for Language Learning and Network for Languages) and was devised to support primary schools wishing to teach French as part of the statutory curriculum from 2014. It is free of charge for teachers to use.

For further details of the IF's offer for schools, visit: [Institut Français Offers for Schools](#) or email education@institut-francais.org.uk or schools@institutfrancais.org.uk

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