

THE INDEPENDENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL: DURHAM

French Curriculum Overview - Lower School (Years 3-4)

Core Knowledge UK (Civitas)

Whole School Curriculum Map

Year Group	Michaelmas 1	Michaelmas 2	Lent 1	Lent 2	Trinity 1	Trinity 2
Year 3	Getting started: hello and greetings	All about me: name, age and where I live	My family and pets	Food and mealtimes	Colours, numbers and classroom objects	Toys, games and songs; revision and consolidation
Year 4	The date and my birthday	Clothes and getting dressed	School and classroom	Hobbies and free time	The weather and the seasons	Farm animals; revision and consolidation

Curriculum Intent

- Develop pupils' confidence in communicating in French for practical purposes
- Build vocabulary and understanding of grammar in a meaningful context
- Encourage curiosity about French-speaking countries and cultures
- Follow a coherent, cumulative sequence of knowledge and skills

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Implementation

- French is taught through high-quality Core Knowledge UK (Civitas) textbooks
- Topics are taught in a coherent sequence across the year
- Lessons develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills
- Vocabulary and grammar are taught and revisited regularly
- Songs, stories and cultural content are used to deepen understanding
- Regular retrieval practice and assessment support long-term retention

Review Cycle: Annual

Impact

- Develop confidence in speaking and understanding French
- Build a growing bank of vocabulary and grammar
- Understand and appreciate French-speaking cultures
- Make strong progress across the key language skills
- Be well-prepared for the next stage of their education

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