The Mall School

Curriculum Guide

French – Spring Term

Year 4

Teachers: Mademoiselle Florence Gaillard (4L), Madame Françoise Higham (4U)
Lessons: 1 x 35 mins, 2 x 40mins, 1 x 60 mins
Homework: 2 x 30 mins (Tuesday and Friday 4L), (Tuesday and Thursday 4U)

Introduction:

The French syllabus introduces new grammar and vocabulary but builds on the foundation of work covered in Year 3. The level is two academic years ahead of the National Curriculum.

Key objectives

- To engage our students and communicate our passion for French and modern languages in general.
- To unlock the full potential of our students' ability to speak and write French.
- To promote a love of speaking a foreign language through entertaining and engaging teaching techniques.
- To prepare our students to the highest possible standard in order for them to face examinations with confidence.
- To introduce our students to the culture, geography and history of France, Britain's nearest neighbours.
- To encourage independent learning, using dictionaries and the Internet for research.

These key objectives will be covered alongside others in the units of work in each term. The topic areas and grammar for the Spring Term are as follows:
- Telling the time (hours only), school timetable and days of the week.
- Hobbies, opinions, weekend activities and places in town (introduction to 'er' verbs in the present tense).
- Family members, physical and personality descriptions (introduction to adjectival agreement and position and verbs to be and to have in the present tense).
- Easter vocabulary.

Resources:

All boys must bring the following equipment to all lessons: blue pen, pencil, rubber, pencil sharpener, 30cm ruler, colouring pencils and glue sticks.
All boys have been issued with Equipe 1 workbooks and a red exercise book. The French department uses tailor-made interactive flipcharts as the basis for all teaching.
All boys have access to this very useful website: www.linguascope.com (user name: mall - password: natation).