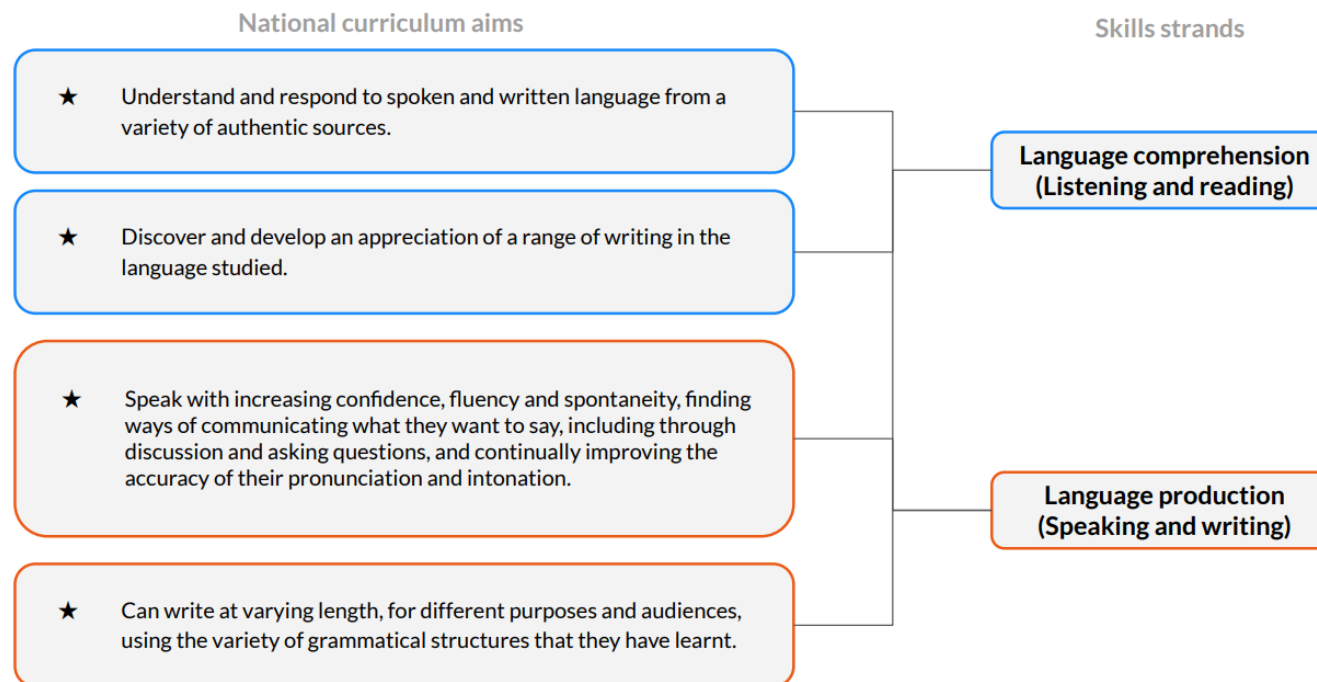


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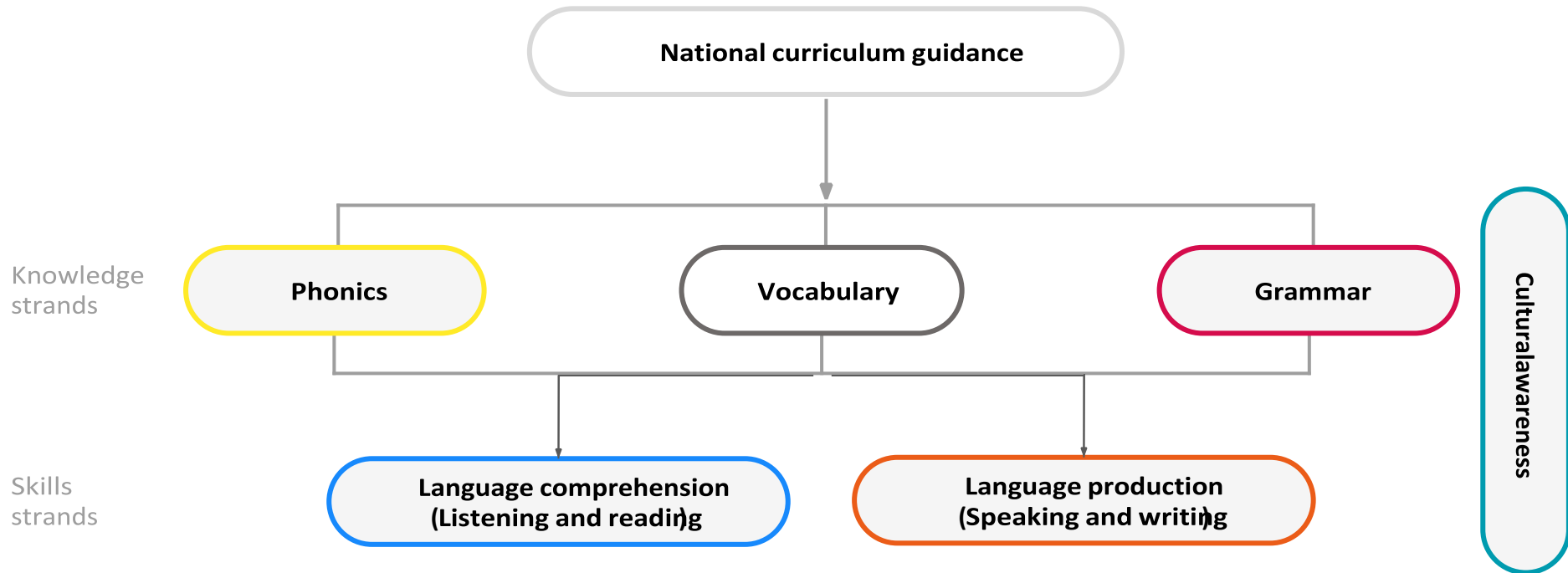
The Kapow Language comprehension and Language production skills strands align with the National curriculum aims for Languages. Our National Curriculum coverage document shows which units support you in helping children to reach each of the National curriculum attainment targets.

How does Kapow Primary's French scheme of work align with the National curriculum?



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How is the French scheme of work organised?



Throughout the scheme of work, children will also be developing their Cultural awareness of France and the French-speaking world.

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Our knowledge strands - Phonics, Vocabulary and Grammar

Vocabulary

As the Ofsted research review recommended, the Kapow Primary French scheme systematically introduces the most commonly used words, especially simple and common verbs. It then provides opportunities for students to revisit previously-learned vocabulary in different contexts.

This approach allows the children to commit these key words to their long-term memory. Many topic words are also introduced in order to provide a variety of meaningful contexts; however, less attention is given to memorizing these. Our lessons are designed to ensure that each time new vocabulary is introduced, the pupils have an opportunity to use it in language comprehension and production activities.

Phonics

A comprehensive French phonics programme has been embedded into the Kapow Primary French scheme ensuring the explicit teaching of critical phonemes focuses on both pronunciation and the sound-spelling link.

Our 'Mouth mechanics' pupil videos, which native speakers present, support this learning by including an in-depth look at the shape of the mouth when creating each phoneme.

Grammar

Developing grammatical understanding through a carefully planned progression of key structures is the bedrock of the Kapow Primary French scheme.

Grammar is explicitly taught and systematically revisited to ensure that basic structures are committed to memory before more complex ones are introduced. Lessons are organized to allow opportunities to practise grammar structures across modalities (speaking, writing, reading and listening) and carefully scaffolded activities enable children to manipulate the words and grammar themselves and begin to use new language creatively.

A spiral curriculum



- ✓ **Cyclical:** Pupils revisit key vocabulary and grammar concepts again and again.
- ✓ **Increasing depth:** Each time vocabulary or grammar learning is revisited, it is covered with greater depth
- ✓ **Prior knowledge:** Upon returning to each area, prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build on previous foundations, rather than starting again.

Assessment in French

Formative assessment

Every lesson begins with the 'Recap and recall' section which is intended to allow pupils retrieval practice of key knowledge relevant to the upcoming lesson. This section also provides teachers with an opportunity to make informal judgements about whether pupils have retained prior learning and are ready to move on. Each lesson contains the 'Assessing progress and understanding' section which helps teachers to identify those pupils who are secure in their learning or working at a greater depth in each lesson. These assessments can then be recorded on our French: Assessment spreadsheet which supports the teacher in identifying gaps in learning amongst the class or for individual pupils.

Summative assessment

Each unit of work assesses children's understanding and retention of key knowledge using an assessment quiz with multiple choice and open-ended questions. In addition, each unit uses a knowledge catcher. This can be used at the beginning and/or end of a unit and gives children the opportunity to further demonstrate their understanding of the key concepts covered.

Assessment quizzes, and knowledge catchers provide teachers with a record of summative assessment as evidence of progression throughout the year and as pupils move between key stages. It is suggested that teachers keep all forms of assessment as children move through primary school so that the subject lead and teachers will have a record of children's learning.

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 3	French greetings with puppets (4 lessons)	French adjectives of colour, size and shape	French playground games- numbers and age	In a French classroom	French transport	A circle of life in French
Year 4	Portraits - describing in French	Clothes- getting dressed in French	French numbers, calendars and birthdays	French weather and the water cycle	French food- miam, miam!	French and the Eurovision Song Contest
Year 5	French monster pets	Space exploration - in French	Shopping in France	French speaking world	Verbs in a week	Meet my French family



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Year 3			
Autumn 1	French greetings with puppets (4 lessons)	Autumn 2	French adjectives of colour, size and shape (5 lessons)
	Using puppets to practise a variety of French greetings and learning how to introduce themselves. Choosing the correct greeting based on the time of day.		Describing shapes using adjectives of colour and size, learning the position of adjectives relative to the noun; noting cognates and practising language skills
Spring 1	French playground games- numbers and age (5 lessons)	Spring 2	In a French classroom (5 lessons)
	Counting in French from one to twelve, asking how old someone is and answering the same question, comparing sentence structures in French and English.		Responding to common classroom instructions through games. Learning vocabulary for classroom items. Understanding that every French noun is either 'masculine' or 'feminine.'
Summer 1	French transport (5 lessons)	Summer 2	A circle of life in French (5 lessons)
	Using detective skills to spot cognates and working out meaning, learning new transport-related vocabulary and constructing sentences using parts of the verb 'aller' – to go.		Using dictionary skills to develop animal vocabulary and habitat names and applying this vocabulary to create sentences and complete food chains.

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Year 4			
Autumn 1	Portraits - describing in French (5 lessons)	Autumn 2	Clothes- getting dressed in French (5 lessons)
	Learning adjectives for describing people's physical appearance and their personality. Creating simple sentences ensuring that the adjectives agree with the gender of the noun.		Learning vocabulary to describe items of clothing, along with the different forms of the indefinite article. Expressing opinions about outfits in French.
Spring 1	French numbers, calendars and birthdays (5 lessons)	Spring 2	French weather and the water cycle (5 lessons)
	Learning French numbers 1-31, the days of the week, months of the year, dates and seasons through maths and songs and class surveys. Researching the dates of French festivals.		Learning phrases to describe the weather and vocabulary for the compass points; counting from 1-100 in multiples of ten and combining this knowledge to make statements about what the temperature is.
Summer 1	French food- miam, miam! (5 lessons)	Summer 2	French and the Eurovision Song Contest (5 lessons)
	Learning food vocabulary and revising numbers to 100, this time in the context of money and prices. Developing language detective skills and confidence with practical conversational French.		Revising vocabulary from Year 3 and 4 by writing original songs in French, learning additional musical vocabulary and expanding their knowledge of the French names for European countries.

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Year 5			
Autumn 1	<u>French monster pets</u> (5 lessons)	Autumn 2	<u>Space exploration - in French</u> (5 lessons)
	Revising noun gender, using the correct article to go with nouns, making adjectives agree with the noun they describe and sentence constructions, placing the adjectives in the correct place.		Using figurative language, developing sentence structure by adding adjectives, using prepositions and making simple adjectival comparisons.
Spring 1	<u>Shopping in France</u> (5 lessons)	Spring 2	<u>French speaking world</u> (5 lessons)
	Learning to construct high numbers in French, developing food-related vocabulary, building on their understanding of sentence structures, questions and phrases.		Learning about French speaking countries, learning to give and follow directions in French, discussing climate and using comparative language.
Summer 1	<u>Verbs in a week</u> (5 lessons)	Summer 2	<u>Meet my French family</u> (5 lessons)
	Identifying the infinitive form of verbs and subject pronouns, grouping French verbs and learning that there are regular and irregular verbs.		Learning family and relations vocabulary, the possessive adjective: 'my' and 'how' to express likes and dislikes. Learning to compose a written composition by recycling and re-ordering known words and phrases.

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Year 6			
Autumn 1	<u>French sport and the Olympics</u> (5 lessons)	Autumn 2	<u>French football champions</u> (5 lessons)
	Conjugating the verb 'aller'- to go, identifying correct prepositions, learning sports vocabulary and how to express preferences plus the infinitive.		Developing and practising language learning strategies, developing reading, speaking and listening skills, responding to questions about footballers.
Spring 1	<u>In my French house</u> (5 lessons)	Spring 2	<u>Planning a French holiday</u> (5 lessons)
	Learning how to describe a house - the different rooms and who lives there. Learning about prepositions to explain where items are arranged in their bedrooms.		Learning to use a combination of present and near-future tenses, and becoming familiar with holiday-related vocabulary around packing a suitcase and planning a journey.
Summer 1	<u>Visiting a town in France</u> (5 lessons)	Summer 2	We have left this half term free as we know that this can be a busy time in Year 6. If you want to continue with your French learning, you could revise and recap or study language related to other topics!
	Learning directional and transport vocabulary and prepositional phrases, practising giving opinions and talking about a trip to France.		<p>If you subscribe to all content on Kapow, you could use this time for some Spanish taster lessons. We would suggest the following lessons:</p> <p><u>Unit 1 - Lesson 1: Introductions</u> <u>Unit 2 - Lesson 2: Counting to 6</u> <u>Unit 3 - Lesson 1: Colours in Spanish</u> <u>Unit 3 - Lesson 2: Shapes in Spanish</u> Unit 4 - Lesson 1: Classroom objects (coming soon!) Unit 6 - Lesson 1: Journey around Latin America (coming soon!)</p>