

French History

Y6 Unit 1 Culture

Pronunciation and Teaching Guide

Everyday vocabulary

bonjour (classe) – good morning (class)
ça va ? – how are you/are you ok?
ça va bien – I am ok/good
oui – yes
non – non
s’il vous plaît – please
merci – thank you
très bien – well done
encore/répéter – again/repeat

Pronunciation

bonh-joor
sa va
sa va-b-yunh
wi
n-onh
sil voo play
mair-si
treh b-yunh
anh-kor/r-eh-peh-teh

Topic-specific vocabulary

la Révolution française – French Revolution
les guerres napoléoniennes – Napoleonic Wars
la Première Guerre Mondiale – First World War
la Deuxième Guerre Mondiale – Second World War
la tombe du soldat inconnu – the tomb of the unknown
soldier

Pronunciation

la reh-vo-lue-syonh fr-anh-sayz
leh gair na-po-leh-o-ni-ay-n
la pr-euh-mi-ayr gair monh-dyal
la deu-zi-ay-m gayr monh-dyal
la tom du sol-dat in-con-noo

Lesson guide

- Today we are going to be focussing on French history.
- Ask the children to name the historic buildings and structures shown.
- Ask them to repeat the names in French.
- Work through the main slides, introducing each new event in history. Ask the class to repeat the French names of events back.
- Use the information from the lesson to match the events to the correct dates.

Objectives covered:

- Explore patterns and sounds within a new language
- Ask and respond orally to questions
- Listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding
- Appreciate stories, songs, poems and rhymes in the language
- Develop accurate pronunciation and intonation so that others understand when they are reading aloud or using familiar words and phrases

Possible class activities and cross-curricula links:

- Work in pairs – recall and repeat the French words for each event shown
- Link to History – refer to them when focussing on WWII or Bastille Day