

# **CURRICULUM ADAPTATIONS IN FRENCH**

### **Cognition and Learning**

Use of word mats in English and French, including pictorial representations, to introduce new vocabulary

Pre-teach new vocabulary and key knowledge

Embed new vocabulary through chanting, repetition, songs and rhymes as a whole class before being invited to speak individually

Constant retrieval practice of prior learning and vocabulary

Recording new vocabulary using a variety of methods (including images, tables, colour coding)

Use visuals to represent masculine and feminine vocabulary

Use of word banks with key vocabulary when writing independently, or provide cloze sentences

Make effective use of social stories to aid interaction

French display referred to when teaching and recapping core vocabulary (for example: colours, numbers, days of the week and months of the year)

#### **Communication and Interaction**

Recognise that the learning of French language/vocabulary may be challenging for children with additional needs

Be aware that children with slow language processing skills will need even more time to verbalise in another language

Give additional thinking time

Be aware that receptive language skills may be better than spoken language skills - offer alternative ways for pupils to demonstrate their knowledge

Model sentence stems and key vocabulary to encourage children to communicate in French

Use a range of communication forms

Limit the use of vocabulary to that which is absolutely necessary to ensure good progress is made

Make use of objects/images/cartoons as a starting point for developing language and vocabulary

Use of paired/group work when carrying out conversational French

Foster a culture of growth mindset learning - it is ok to make mistakes!

# Physical and/or Sensory

Ensure a suitable font and font size is used

Use coloured backgrounds if necessary

Think about classroom acoustics and background noise - some children may be uncomfortable in loud environments

Minimise sensory overload - make use of ear defenders

Support the learning of new language/vocabulary with gestures, signing and visuals

Include interactivity within lesson delivery

Make use of role play to aid understanding, but be aware of pupils with sensory issues

Provide enlarged copies of resources

Make use of whiteboards when necessary

Make use of subtitles on videos where required

Scribe answers and ideas where needed, particulary for more complex responses involving opinion and reasoning

## Social, Emotional and Mental Health

Use of Oracy skills to allow time for pupils to think, generate ideas and practise their responses in an informal manner

Allow abundant time for children to practise orally to themselves, their peers or make use of talking tins/phones

Variety of techniques employed to choose children to answer questions (pre warn pupils that they may be chosen)

Teach misconceptions and model possible errors to demonstrate positive attitudes towards learning

Use of time out breaks if needed

Use of fidget aids, wobble cushions etc to aid concentration

Opportunities to develop social skills

Support engagement in group work or collaborative learning

Use of PSHE to explore any sensitive/emotive topics

Foster an environment in which mistakes become learning points - encourage a 'have a go' ethos

Encourage perseverance!