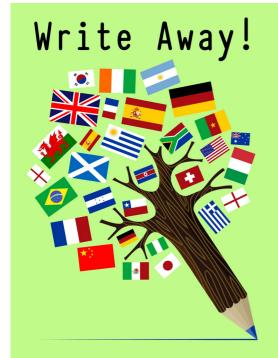
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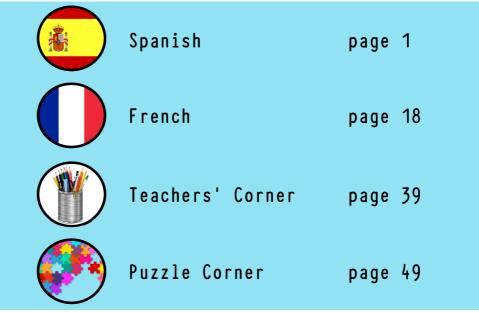


Editor
Clare Seccombe

ello and welcome to this bumper issue 23 of *Write Away!* There are plenty more pieces of writing for you to explore in this term's magazine. A big thank you to all the children who have worked so hard to complete such amazing pieces of writing, and all the teachers who have taken the time to send it to us.

Find out about this issue's guest language, and don't forget to look out for my Editor's Pick.

Enjoy issue 23!





Our guest language for this issue is Norwegian.

Norwegian is spoken by about 5 million people, mainly in Norway.

From the 14th century until the 19th century, Norway was ruled by Denmark, and the Danish language was used. Now there are two forms of Norwegian: Bokmål ("book language") which is similar to Danish, and Nyorsk. Children have to learn both forms at school, and some people have to use both forms in their jobs.

god morgen

goddag

The Norwegian alphabet has 29 letters. The extra letters are ϖ , \emptyset and \mathring{a} .

eg heiter Aksel

Famous speakers of Norwegian include the footballers Erling Haaland and Ada Hegerberg, and the singers Sigrid, Aurora and Morten



takk vær så snill nei hei

hade Norsk

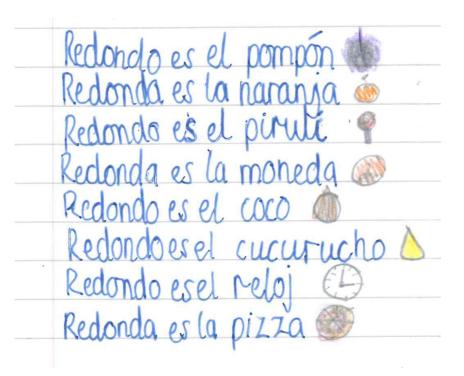


Redondo

by

Isla

Year 5, Sutton Coldfield

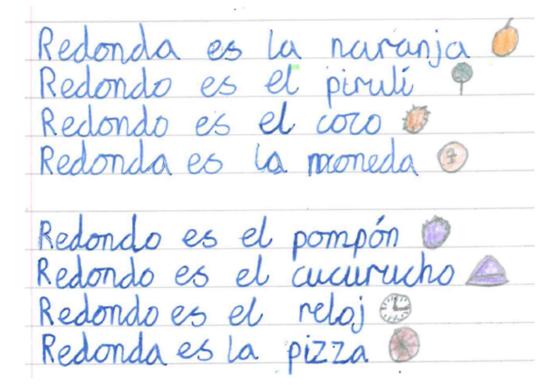


Redondo

by

Iris

Year 5, Sutton Coldfield





español

Vocabulario

coco (m.) coconut cucurucho (m.) cone es is moneda (f.) coin naranja (f.) orange pirulí (m.) lollipop pompón (m.) pompom redondo round

clock, watch

reloj (m.)



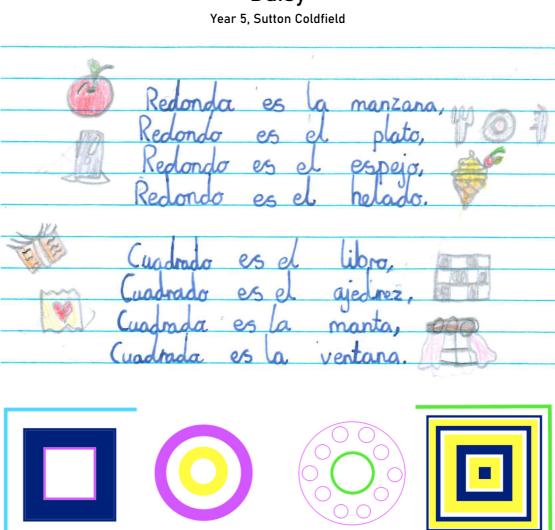


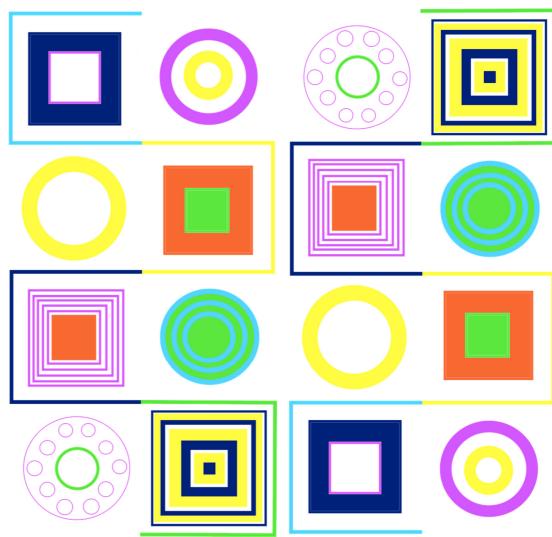
Vocabulario

ajedrez (m.) chess cuadrado square es is espejo (m.) mirror helado (m.) ice cream libro (m.) book manta (m.) blanket manzana (f.) apple plato (m.) plate redondo round ventana (f.) window

Redondo y Cuadrado

Daisy







Los deportes

by

Aamna

Year 6, Handsworth

Me llamo Aumnu, Me gusta el subbol y NO Me gusta el Squash porque es bastante aburrido y me da igual el tenis y luego al subbol porque es bastante senomenal. Odio el hockey porque es bastante aburrido y no es senome nal.

Mi aniga se Hana Ayrah. Le gista el tenis de mesar y Juega al badminton. Le encunta el ciclismo y odia el atletismo porque es digicil y un rollo. Le du igual la nabación porque es bastante interesante.

No le gusta la gimnusia porque es digicil pero interesante.



español

Vocabulario

aburrido boring amiga (f.) friend atletismo (m.) athletics quite bastante ciclismo (m.) cycling difícil difficult (it) is es un rollo it is a drag fútbol (m.) football gimnasia (f.) gymnastics juega she plays juego I play le da igual she doesn't mind le encanta she loves le gusta she likes me da igual I don't mind I like me gusta I am called me llamo natación (f.) swimming I don't like no me gusta odia she hates I hate odio but pero porque because she is called se llama tenis de mesa (f.) table tennis and





Vocabulario

aburrido boring además in addition amiga (f.) friend boxeo (m.) boxing ciclismo (m.) cycling difícil difficult exciting emocionante fácil easy she does hace I do hago juega she plays I play juego le da igual she doesn't mind I don't mind me da igual I love me encanta I am called me llamo muy very natación (f.) swimming she hates odia I hate odio dangerous peligroso but pero because porque prefiere she prefers I prefer prefiero she is called se llama however sin embargo tenis de mesa (m.) table tennis

vela (f.)

fire

У

sailing

and

Los deportes

_{by} Aisha

Year 5. Handsworth

Me llamo Aisha, Jenego al benis y el tenis de mesa porque es senomenal y sácil, Hago natación porque es muy emocionate además no es disicil, pero cidio la vela porque es muy abunida. Me encanta el ciclismo Sin embargo Me da Igual el hockey pero prefiero el badminton.

Mi aniga Se llama limaimah, Juega al boxco. Hace al boxco. Hace la natación porque es muy fácil. Le da igual la gemnasia prefiere; el cicusmo, pero no le gasta el rugly porque es muy poligroso.

Se llama Jess

by

Ella

Year 4, Rudgwick

Se Vama Jess

iene Uha







español

Vocabulario

azul blanco boca (f.) cabeza (f.) garganta (f.) morado naranja nariz (f.) ojo (m.) oreja (f.) rosa se llama tiene

amarillo yellow blue white mouth head throat purple orange nose eye ear pink she is called she has and





Vocabulario

de of

in en

está lloviendo it is raining está nevando it is snowing

este (m.)

east

hace buen tiempo it is good weather

hace mucho viento it is very windy

hace sol

it is sunny

norte (m.)

north

oeste (m.)

west

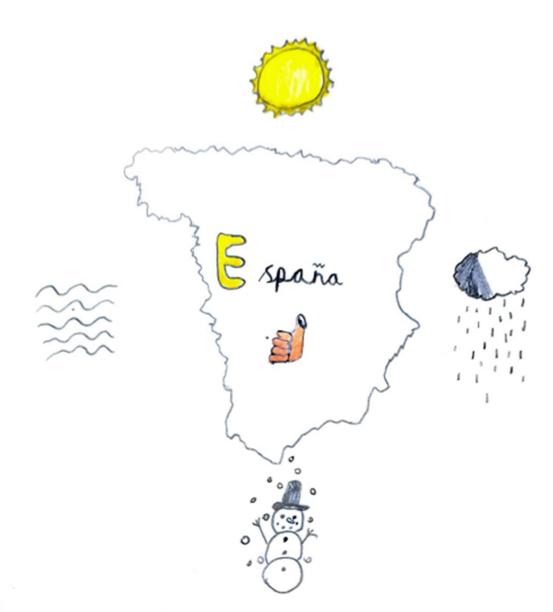
sur (m.)

south

¿Qué tiempo hace en España?

by Nyah

Year 5, Peterborough



- · Endrote de España hace sol

- · En el sur de España está hoviendo · En el sur de España está nevando · En el oeste de España hace mucho viento · En el centro de España hace buen tiempo





¿Qué tiempo hace en España?

by Ololade

Year 5, Peterborough



En el note de Españo hace soi En el este de España hace mucho viento. En el sur de España está Moviendo En el veste de España está nevando En el veste de España está nevando En el centro de España hay tormenta.



español

Vocabulario

de of en in

está lloviendo it is raining está nevando it is snowing

este (m.) east hace mucho viento

it is very windy

hace sol

is it sunny hay tormenta it is stormy norte (m.) north oeste (m.) west sur (m.) south





Vocabulario

caballo (m.) horse

dócil well behaved

es *is*

feroz *fierce*

fuerte strong

gato (m.) cat

grande big

morado *purple*

negro black

oso pardo (m.) brown bear

oveja (f.) sheep

pájaro (m.) bird

pato (m.) duck

pez dorado (m.) goldfish

rana (f.) frog

tímido shy

verde green

Caligramas: los animales

by Ella

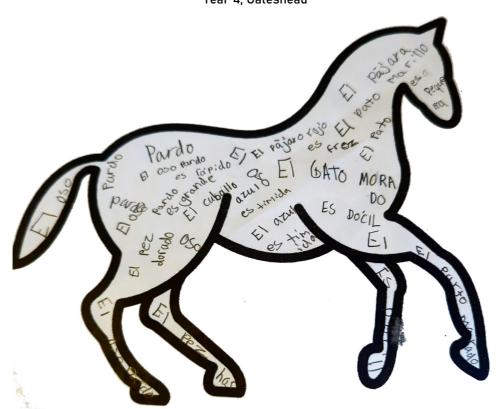


Caligramas: los animales

bv

Eryn

Year 4, Gateshead



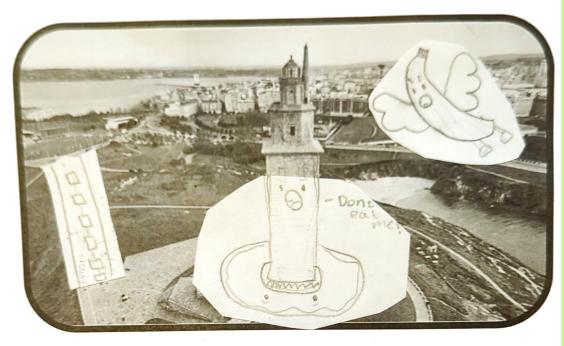


Camera vs. Pencil

by

Yara

Year 6, Gateshead



Hola me lans Yara, tengo once años. En mi pueblo hay un faro alto, historico y feo. También hay una cafetería y un hospital grande y limpio



español

Vocabulario

high, tall alto faro (m.) lighthouse ugly feo grande big hay there is hola hello limpio clean me llamo I am called pueblo (m.) town también also tengo once años / am 11

and







Vocabulario

amigo (m.) friend aquí here árbol (m.) tree with con is es escalar to climb there is hay jugar to play peligroso dangerous porque because se puede you can turista (m.) tourist and

Camera vs. Pencil

Emily

Year 6, Gateshead



Aqui se puede jugar con amigos y familia. Aqui no se puede escalar árpoles paralle es peliaroso.



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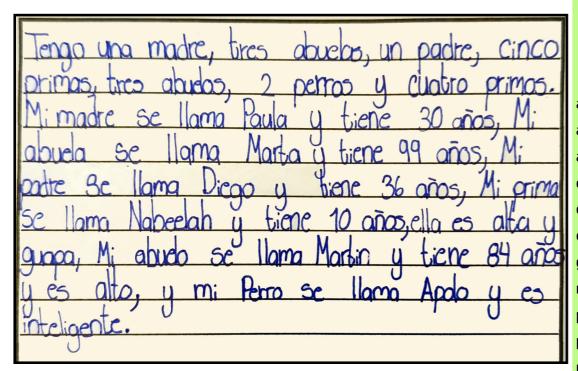


Mi familia

by

Salome

Year 5, Gateshead











español

Vocabulario

abuela (f.) grandmother abuelo (m.) grandfather alto tall 5 cinco cuatro 4 it is es guapo good-looking madre (f.) mother padre (m.) father perro (m.) dog primo (m.) cousin prima (f.) cousin se llama is called I have tengo tiene...años he/she is ... years old 3 tres



and





Vocabulario

baloncesto (m.) basketball

ciclismo (m.)

cycling

fútbol (m.)

football

hago

I do

juego

I play

me encanta

I love

me llamo

I am called

natación (f.)

swimming

pero

but

prefiero

I prefer

tenis de mesa (m.)

table tennis

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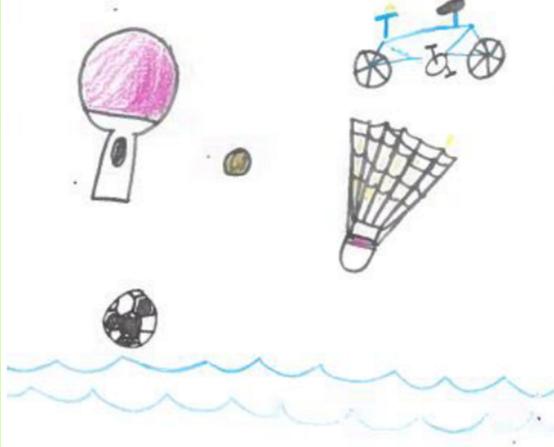
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Los deportes

by

Adhvik

Year 6, Ascot



Me llaro Adhrik. Juego al jutbol y al badniston. Hago ratación y Ciclisno. Me ercarta el balonces to pero pegiero el teris de resa.

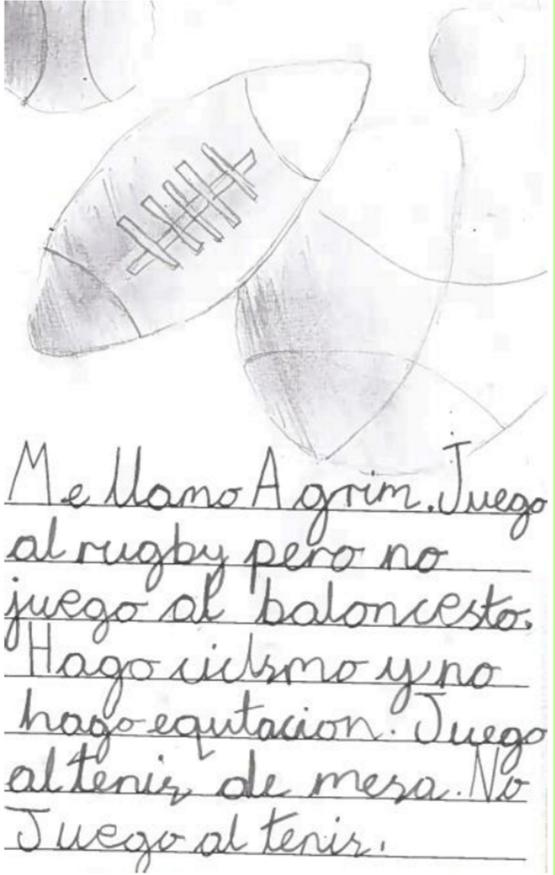


Los deportes

by

Agrim

Year 6, Ascot





español

Vocabulario

baloncesto (m.) basketball ciclismo (m.) cycling

ciclismo (m.) cycling
equitación horse riding

hago / do

juego / play

me llamo / am called

pero but

tenis de mesa (m.) table tennis

ı and





Vocabulario

baloncesto (m.) basketball ciclismo (m.) cycling fútbol (m.) football me da igual I love me encanta I like me gusta me llamo natación (f.) no hago no me gusta I hate odio pero but sin embargo

I don't mind I am called swimming I don't do I don't like however and

Los deportes

by Prisha

Year 6, Ascot



Me Llamo Prisha. Me gusta la natación pero me no gusta el futbol. Me encanta el hockey Sin embargo odio el baloncesto. Me gusta el badminton y me da igual el ciclismo. Juego al tenis aclismo.



Los deportes

by

Merna

Year 6, Ascot





español

Vocabulario

atletismo (m.) ciclismo (m.) hago juego me encanta me gusta me llamo natación (f.) no me gusta odio pero sin embargo también vela (f.)

athletics cycling I do I play I love I like I am called swimming I don't like I hate but however also sailing





Vocabulario

atletismo (m.) athletics
baloncesto (m.) basketball

fútbol (m.) hago football I do

juego

I play

me da igual

I don't mind

me encanta

I love

me gusta

I like

me llamo

I am called

natación (f.)

swimming

no me gusta

I don't like

odio

l hate

pero

but

prefiero

l prefer

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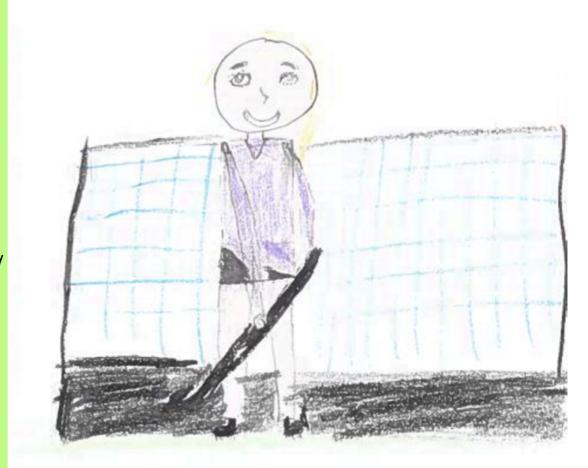
and

Los deportes

by

Sienna

Year 6, Ascot



Me llama Sienna Me encanta el hockey pero odio la

natación. Me gusta el gustbol y no me gusta el balancesto.

Me da igual el atleticsmo pero pregiero el hockey. Juego al

hockey y hago natación.



Los deportes

by

Camden

Year 6, Ascot









Me llamo Camden. Me encanta el Sútibol.

Pero odio la equitación. Megusta el hockey

Sin embargo no me gusta el squach. Tuego

al sútibol y al rugby. Hago atletismo.

No juego al netball y no hago equitación.



español

Vocabulario

atletismo (m.)
equitación (f.)
fútbol (m.)
hago
juego
me encanta
me gusta
me llamo
no me gusta
odio
pero
sin embargo

athletics
horse riding
football
I do
I play
I love
I like
I am called
I don't like
I hate
but
however
and





français

Vocabulaire

blanc white champ (m.) field like comme flocon de neige (m.)

snowflake

fraise (f.) strawberry

jambon (m.) ham jaune yellow jonquille (f.) daffodil marron brown

mûre (f.) blackberry myrtille (f.) blueberry

noir black pink rose red rouge

singe (m.) monkey

vert green

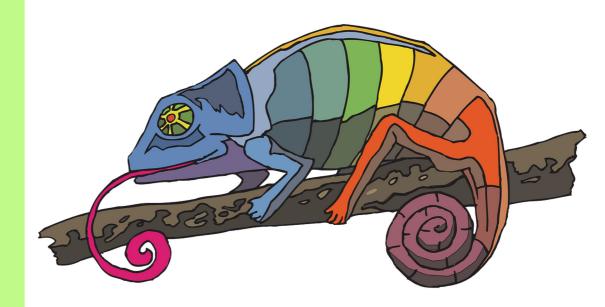
Léon le Caméléon

by

Theo

Year 4, Arundel



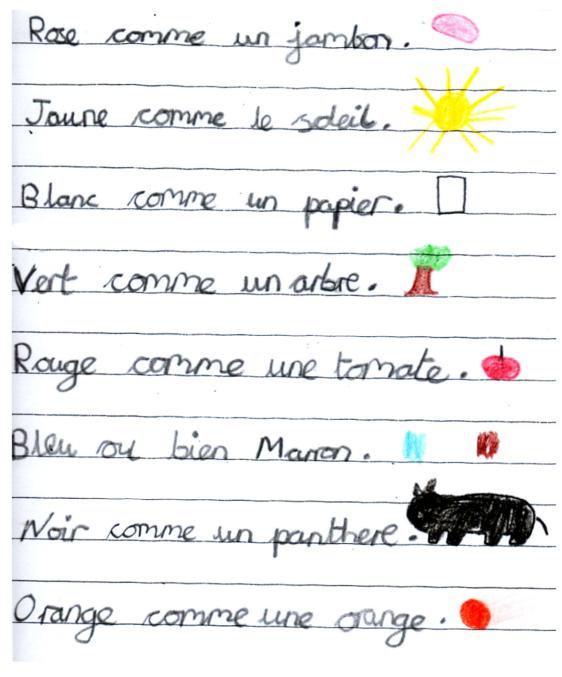


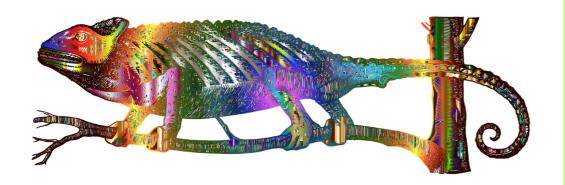


Léon le Caméléon

by Eliza

Year 4, Arundel







Vocabulaire

arbre (m.)
blanc
comme
jambon (m.)
jaune
marron
noir
papier (m.)
rose
rouge
soleil (m.)
vert

tree
white
like
ham
yellow
brown
black
paper
pink
red
sun
green





français

Vocabulaire

amusant funny
assez quite
aussi also
citron (m.) lemon
cuisiner to cook
deuxième 2nd
elle adore she loves

elle n'aime pas she doesn't like

et and féroce fierce gentil kind il aime he likes il déteste he hates il est he is joli pretty lire to read méchant wicked mignon cute to swim nager petit small premier 1st sympa nice troisième 3rd a bit un peu vert green voici here is

Les trois petits citrons

_{by} Еті

Year 6, London

Voici le deuxième
petit citron Elle n'aime
pas line et est
mighonne.
0
(NO!) STATE
Voici le gérore citron
vert. Il déteste les
citronset est vert et
sportie.



Les trois petites baguettes

Freya

Year 6, London

Voici la première petite	
baquette. Elle aime vrai-	
ment mangeret elle est	
grosse et très	est galle mais aussi
golle.	céroce.
Bonjour	
Voici la troisième	Voici la grande méch-
petite boquette. Elle	ante gemme. Elle ado-
adore line et aime au-	re manger les
siner. Elle est très	baquettes. Elle est
chie.	méchante.
	Les baquettes sont déliciensos



Vocabulaire

also aussi cuisiner to cook deuxième 2nd elle adore she loves elle aime she likes elle est she is equitation (f.) horse riding et and femme (f.) woman féroce fierce fou crazy gros fat lire to read but mais manger to eat méchant wicked to swim nager petit small premier 1st très very troisième 3rd voici here is vraiment really





français

Vocabulaire

ananas (m.) pineapple deuxième 2nd elle adore she loves elle aime she likes elle déteste she hates she is elle est and et féroce fierce kind gentil grand big he is il est jeux video (m.pl.) video games

méchant wicked petit small pomme (f.) apple premier 1st sportif sporty travailler to work très very troisième 3rd voici here is

Les trois petites pommes

by

Rufus

Year 6, London

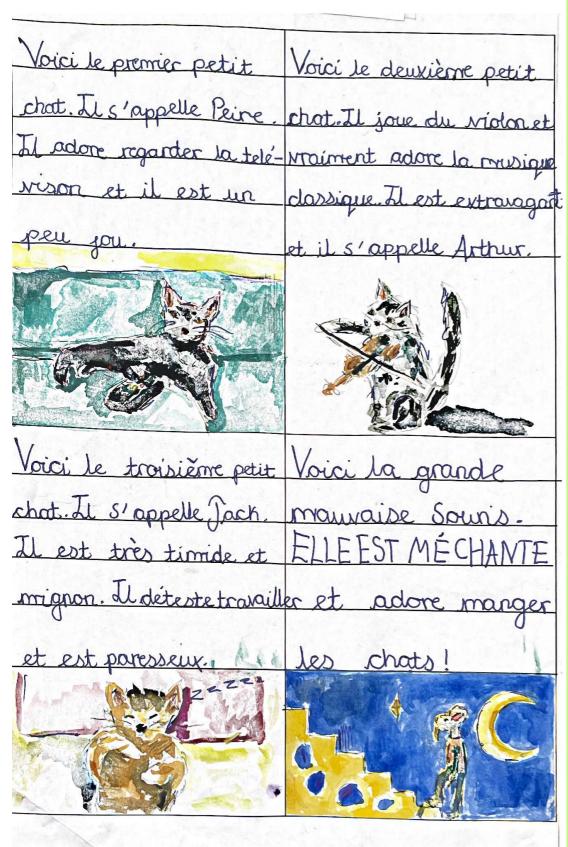
voici la première	voici la deuxième
petite ponne. Elle	petite pomme. Elle
aire le sport et	adore les jeux vidéo
elle est sportive.	et elle est gentille.
	FORTNITE
Voice la troisième	voici le grande
Petite pomme. Flle	réchant ananas. Il
déteste travailler et	est très méchant
elle est néchante.	et il est jéroce.



Les trois petits chats

Sozia

Year 6, London





Vocabulaire

cat

chat (m.) et fou il adore il déteste il est il s'appelle manger mauvais méchant mianon paresseux petit premier regarder souris (f.) travailler très troisième un peu voici

and crazy he loves he hates he is he is called to eat had wicked cute lazy small 1st to look mouse to work very 3rd a bit here is





français

Vocabulaire

amusant funny cheval (m.) horse deuxième 2nd elle aime she likes elle déteste she hates fou crazy kind gentil to play jouer licorne (f.) unicorn méchant wicked mais but to swim nager black noir small petit premier 1st travailler to work très very troisième 3rd voici here is vraiment really

Les trois petites licornes

by

Theodora

Year 6, London

Voici la première	Voici la devirène
petite licorne. Elle	petite licorne Elle
aine la nusique	aime travailler mais
mais déteste rager.	déteste vroiment
Elle est gentille.	rager. Elle est arrusante
	travaille
Voici la troisième	Voici le méchant
petite licorne. Elle	cheval. Il est très
	er fou.
déteste jouer du	0
piano. Elle est noire	



Les trois petites bananes

Stanley

Year 6, London

Bonjour! Voici l'histoire des	Voici la première banane. Elle
trois petites bananes.	jove du piano et elle e st assez
	amusante. voica la deuxième
	petite banane. Elle jove de la
	guitare et elle est frès longue.
(1)(2) E3)	
Voici la troisième petite banane.	Voici la Limace Elle est
Elle adore l'équition mais aussi	mérzhante Elle aime cuisiner
elle n'aime pas naget.	mais n'aime pas dessiner parce
	ajue c'est nul.
3	LIMASE
A Tring	



Vocabulaire

amusant funny quite assez aussi also bonjour hello it is rubbish c'est nul cuisiner to cook dessiner to draw deuxième 2nd she loves elle adore elle aime she likes elle est she is elle joue she plays elle n'aime pas she doesn't like

equitation (f.) horse riding et and histoire (f.) story mais but méchant wicked nager to swim parce que because petit small premier 1st très very trois 3 troisième 3rd voici here is





français

Vocabulaire

amusant funny canard (m.) duck c'est it is chèvre (f.) qoat and et ferme (f.) farm il y a there is je n'aime pas I don't like je préfère I prefer but mais ugly, awful moche because parce que poule (f.) hen

À la ferme

by Elijah

Year 2, London





À la ferme

_{by} Jashwitha

Year 2, London

À la ferme il y a un canard, un mouton et un cheval. J'adore le mouton parce que c'est migron et j'aime le cheval. Je n'aime pas la vache parce que c'est bruyant et sale.





Vocabulaire

bruyant noisy canard (m.) duck c'est it is cheval (m.) horse and ferme (f.) farm ilya there is I love j'adore i'aime I like je n'aime pas I don't like cute mianon mouton (m.) sheep parce que because sale dirty vache (f.) cow





Vocabulaire

funny

donkey

also

duck it is

horse

and

farm

there is

I love

I like

but

cute

sheep

goose

because

amusant âne (m.) aussi canard (m.) c'est cheval (m.) et ferme (f.) il y a j'adore i'aime mais mignon mouton (m.) oie (f.) parce que

À la ferme

Taryn

Year 2, London

À la ferme, il ya un chevai, un âne et un canard. Jái me le chevai parceque C'est Mignon et arrusant. Aussi Jáime l'oie, Mais aussi Jáime l'oie, Mais aussi Jáime l'oie, Mais aussi Jádore le Mouton.

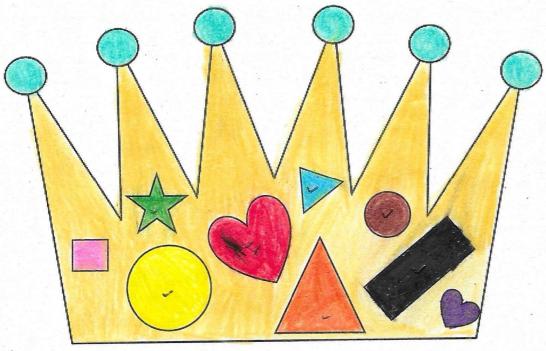




Ma couronne de l'épiphanie

by Sara

Year 5, Bradford



Ma cumonne a une petite étaile mette, un grand triangle mange, un petite triangle bleu. Elle a aussi
un grand cercle jours, un petit cercle marron, un
grans crow raughe, un grand rectangle nous et
un carre rose. Elle a six petits cercles bleus





Vocabulaire

aussi also carré (m.) square cœur (m.) heart (it) has (elle) a couronne (f.) crown et and étoile (f.) star grand big yellow jaune marron brown noir black petit small rouge red vert green





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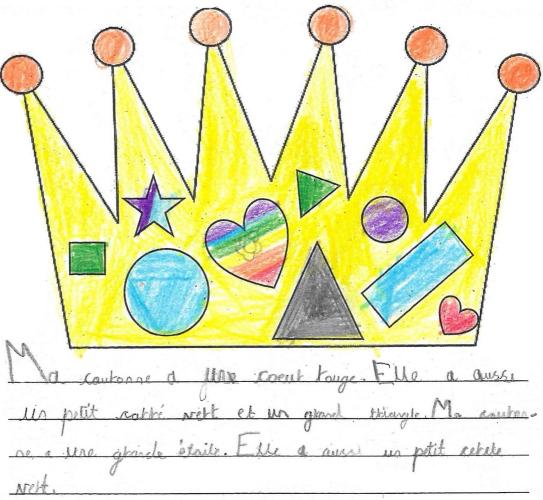
Vocabulaire

also aussi carré (m.) square cœur (m.) heart couronne (f.) crown (elle) a (it) has et and étoile (f.) star grand big petit small vert green

Ma couronne de l'épiphanie

by Inaarah

Year 4, Bradford





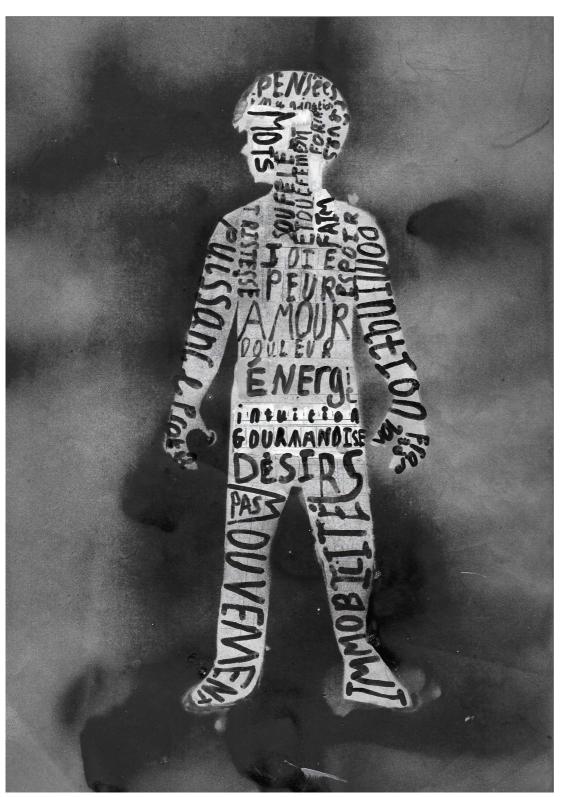


Entre ombre et lumière

by

Isaac

Year 3, Bradford





Vocabulaire

amour (m.) love douleur (f.) pain espoir (m.) hope faim (f.) hunger gourmandise (f.) greed mot (m.) word pensée (f.) thought peur (f.) fear puissance (f.) power





Vocabulaire

boucherie (f.) butcher's boulangerie (f.) bakery dans et and grand big il y a there is shop magasin (m.) mairie (f.) town hall mosquée (f.) mosque petit small poste (f.) post office

vêtements (m.pl.) clothes

main

road, street

principal

rue (f.)

Dans la rue principale

_{by} Saahil

Year 5, Bradford



Dans la rue

prinipale il y a une grande

mairie, un magasin de vêtements, une

boulangerie, una mosquéé, une poste, une

boucherie et un petit ragé.





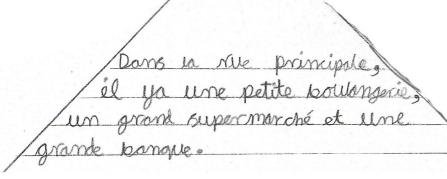
Dans la rue principale

by

Kamran

Year 5, Bradford







Vocabulaire

banque (f.) bank boulangerie (f.) bakery dans in et and grand big il y a there is petit small principal main rue (f.) road, street







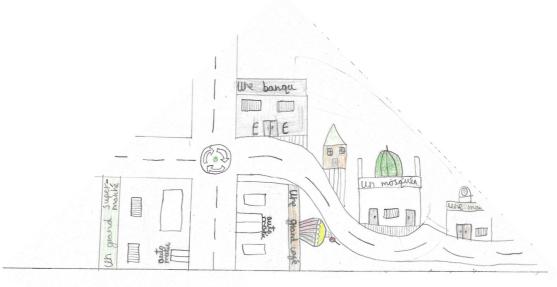
Vocabulaire

also aussi in dans and et big grand il y a there is mairie (f.) town hall mosquée (f.) mosque petit small principal main rue (f.) road, street

Dans la rue principale

by Safwan

Year 5, Bradford









Les émotions

uy Waan

Ayaan

Year 6, Birmingham

Les Emotions.



Parfois je suis furieux, comme le flamme rouge. Je suis timide comme le petit garcon. Je suis triste comme le jourgris. Je suis calme comme le violon.

Parfois je suis content comme le soleil jaune. Je suis effrayé comme l'enfant faible. Je suis hereux comme la lumière dans le ciel. Je suis cumoreux comme l'homme et la dame.

Parfois je suis fortique comme le bebe qui dont. Je suis gêné comme le garron sale. Je suis vivant comme les enfonts qui jouent.









Vocabulaire

bébé (m.) baby ciel (m.) sky like comme content happy dame (f.) woman effrayé frightened enfant (m.) child faible weak fatique tired garçon (m.) bov gêné embarrassed gris grey heureux happy homme (m.) man vellow iaune ie suis I am iour (m.) day lumière (f.) light parfois sometimes petit small qui dort who sleeps qui jouent who play rouge red sale dirty soleil (m.) sun triste sad



alive

vivant



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Vocabulaire

apaisant calming aujourd'hui today because car it is c'est like comme et and été (m.) summer fier proud yellow jaune I feel je me sens nuage (m.) cloud satisfait satisfied soleil (m.) sun sûr de moi sure of myself surtout especially temps (m.) time

Je suis calme

Yahya

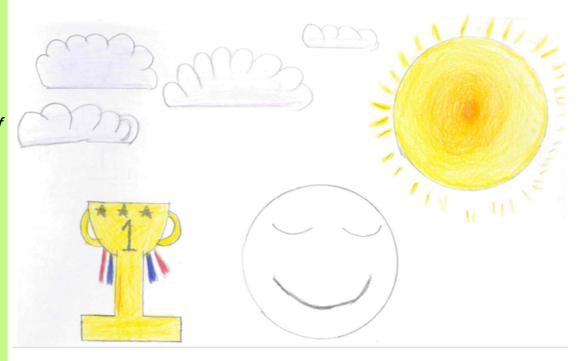
Year 6, Birmingham

Je me sens Calme Comme un nuage, surtout en été.

Je passe du temps dans la nature car C'est apaisant.

Asijourd'hui Je sais Satisfait come le soleil jaune.

Je me sens fier comme un Victoire. Aujourd'hui Je me sens sûr de moi et je Suis calme.





Mon uniforme scolaire

_{by} Caleb

Year 6, Ramsbottom

Je porte un pantalon bleu. Je porte une chemise noire, des baskets morrons. Je porte une cravate noire Je porte un pull morron.



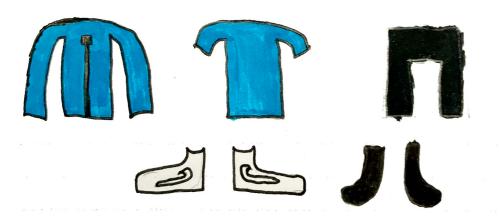
Mon uniforme scolaire

by

Max

Year 6, Ramsbottom

Je porte une chemise bleve et un partalon noir. Je porte une veste bleve et des baskets blancs. Je porte des chaussettes noires.





Vocabulaire

baskets (f.pl.) trainers white blanc chaussettes (f.pl.) socks chemise (f.) shirt cravate (f.) tie et and I wear je porte marron brown black noir pantalon (m.) trousers pull (m.) jumper veste (f.) jacket





français

Vocabulaire

blanc white
chaussettes (f.pl.) socks
chaussures (f.pl.) shoes

chemise (f.) shirt cravate (f.) tie

elle porte she wears

gris grey

il porte he wears

jupe (f.) skirt

marron *brown*

noir black

pantalon (m.) trousers

pull (m.) jumper

rose *pink*

rouge red

veste (f.) jacket

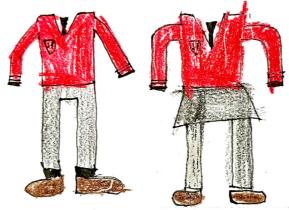
violet *purple*

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Mon uniforme scolaire

George

Year 6, Salford



Il porte un pull rouge, un partolon gris, des chaussurs marron, des chaussetter et une cravate noire. Elle porte un gilet rouge une jupe grise, des chaussettes grises, des chaussures morron et une cravate noire

Mon uniforme scolaire

by

Bella

Year 6, Whitefield





Teachers' Corner

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Lisa Stevens

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

They started learning Spanish in Year 3. Year 5 have been learning for two and a half years.

How long are their language lessons?

Lessons are an hour weekly in Year 3 and Year 4, then 40 minutes a week in Year 5 and Year 6.

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

We had looked at the poem *Redondo* by Gloria Fuertes to introduce adjectival agreements then innovated our own versions.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

They had the original poem and dictionaries!

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

They have all applied the rules we'd learned about adjectival agreement and chosen some interesting things to add to their poems. They've also presented their work well with illustrations. Daisy in particular impressed me as she had innovated and added a verse using *Cuadrado* (square).

3-4

Lisa Stevens

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

They started learning in Year 3. Year 6 have been learning for 3 years as they missed half of Year 4 due to music lessons.

How long are their language lessons?

Lessons are an hour weekly.

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

We had spent a several weeks working on sports, saying which we played and which we did, and then



reviewing opinions and adding justifications for those opinions. Having worked on 1st person, we looked at 2nd and 3rd person verbs and then wrote these paragraphs as our final celebration of the unit.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

They had their exercise books so could look back on all work we'd done and their previously marked snippets, as well as their learning organiser and some scaffolds that had been used throughout the unit. Dictionaries were available too.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

I like the care taken over their presentation but also over the accuracy of their work, and the thought that has gone into making the sentences flow.

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Anouck Ngueudam

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

Two and a half years, alternately with French

How long are their language lessons?

35 minutes

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children learned parts of the body and revised the colours. Then they were introduced to Picasso (and his very long name!) and some of his pieces of work.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

The children had a writing frame with the key words, and an instruction sheet showing them how to draw a face in the style of Picasso.

What do you particularly like about this piece of work?

How hands on the children were when we worked on the project. They thought their drawing through carefully. Although they had the same writing frame for support, their resulting pieces of work are very individual.

6-7

Emma Trolove

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

Since Year 3

How long are their language lessons?

30 minutes a week



Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

Having previously learned the four seasons, we spent half a term learning how to say what the weather is like in Spanish. We focused on the question ¿Qué tiempo hace? using lots of repetition and actions. The children learned a variety of weather phrases to fit the four seasons, and practised these with a variety of games and other activities. They even designed their own weather calligrams. When setting the task, I asked children to draw a map of Spain, add at least four different types of weather and write sentences describing what their drawing showed. After writing this piece of work children presented a verbal weather report using this piece of writing and a word mat to support.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

Children used their knowledge organiser with weather and compass points vocabulary to support them with this piece of writing.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

I love how creative the children were with their maps, their depiction of various types of weather and that some even added a little compass.

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Leticia Davis

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

Since Year 3

How long are their language lessons?

One hour per week

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children were learning how to use a variety of adjectives to describe animals. To help with this, we used Eric Carle's story *Oso Pardo* to teach them how to name animals in Spanish. Since they were already familiar with some colours, we introduced a few new adjectives, and the children began composing sentences to describe the animals' characteristics.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

The children used their workbooks to assist in creating these beautiful calligrams.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

I love to see how each individual student showcases their creativity whilst writing in Spanish.



9-10 Leticia Davis

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

Since Year 3

How long are their language lessons?

One hour per week

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

Year 6 students have been practising how to describe their towns using a rich variety of adjectives and to explain the different activities available in their cities.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

Students used sentences builders and previous knowledge to produce these written pieces.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

I appreciate how, despite receiving the same set of instructions, each student produced a unique piece, showcasing their ability to work independently.

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Leticia Davis

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

Since Year 3

How long are their language lessons?

One hour per week

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

Year 5 students have been writing descriptions since the end of Year 4, when they learned how to describe animals. In Year 3, they learned how to introduce themselves and say their age. This year, they built on that knowledge to talk about their families.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

To support their writing, students used their workbooks

What do you particularly like about this piece of work?

I love seeing the look on their faces when they realize they can now write a rather large paragraph almost independently!



12-17 Tilly Mackie

How long have the children been learning Spanish?

2 or more years

How long are their language lessons?

1 hour

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children have been learning about sports, and this was their independent writing which encompasses all of their learning. We focused on using phrases to express likes and dislikes as well as the verbs *jugar* and *hacer* to accurately write about the sports the pupils like/dislike and play/do.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

The pupils started the topic developing their vocabulary with recall activities to consolidate word level understanding before using word cards and knowledge organisers to focus on sentence level work. Pupils then used this scaffold to write independently and create their final pieces about sports.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

The pieces of work are personal to the pupils and allow them to express themselves in Spanish. We then included this piece of writing in our letters to our Spanish pen friends!

18-19 Claire Stacey

How long have the children been learning French?

Since Year 1

How long are their language lessons?

45 minutes a week

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children recapped their colours in French using phonics. They then looked at the song *Léon le Caméléon*, looking at the nouns and colours linked to them. The children then wrote their own versions of the song using bilingual dictionaries to change the nouns.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

The children used their knowledge organisers with key vocabulary to help them. They also had a couple of sentence templates to start them off, and the lyrics of the song which they'd filled in from a previous activity.



What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

The children really enjoyed the song and therefore were very enthusiastic with this activity. They were able to use the dictionaries well and they found a range of different nouns to put into their own versions.

20-25 Caroline Woolley

How long have the children been learning French?

5 years

How long are their language lessons?

45-60 minutes

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children learned how to introduce the main characters from the story of *Les Trois Petits Cochons* and acted out the first part of the story in French. They then rewrote the story, choosing different characters, describing each character using adjectives and their likes and dislikes.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

Children used a writing frame to manipulate the language introducing each character, with the option of using connectives and intensifiers to extend their writing.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

I particularly like how each student's story is unique. Using the structure of a well-known story showed the children how writing in another language can be fun and creative. The work also enabled the children to apply a range of grammar elements in their writing: using different subject pronouns, adjective agreement, negative sentence structures, using connectives and intensifiers.

26-28 Nicky Edwards

How long have the children been learning French?

1 year

How long are their language lessons?

45-60 minutes a week

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

I introduced ten farm animals one by one and played games on Linguascope to practise the vocabulary further. The children then carried out a class speaking survey about farm animals they like or do not



like, by asking, "Tu aimes...?" and were encouraged to answer with opinion sentences. The children completed lots of puzzles about the animals, from word level to sentence level. To prepare for the task, the class worked together to build a simple information sentence up to a final 'WOW!' paragraph, so they could see a good example.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

The children were given a vocabulary sheet with the opinion phrases (which they had used before), connectives and reasons. The animals were displayed on the board and were also on a previous worksheet in their folders.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

It was great to see the children use familiar language as well as experiment with extended sentences using connectives and reasons. It was also good to see Elijah use a plural noun in his work, which we had practised in a previous unit. The children were very pleased with the amount they wrote in another language.

29-30 Sté

Stéphanie Puisségur

How long have the children been learning French?

Since Year 3, and I have been their teacher since September.

How long are their language lessons?

45 minutes to an hour a week.

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

Jane Birtwistle shared this idea at an ALL event. I decided to give it a go with my classes. I introduced the Epiphany, explaining the tradition, passing round *fèves* and paper crowns I had brought from France. I wasn't able to bake for all the classes I teach, but I had baked for the adults in school. The children were really excited to see if their teacher or the other adults in class were wearing their crown and had a *fève*. Colleagues were great sports and wore their crowns all afternoon. There was a real buzz in school that day. The following week, the children were asked to design their own epiphany crown and were invited to choose their own challenge to do so. We had already worked on word order when using adjectives, including those of size.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

A writing frame was provided to help the children with word order and with the spelling of the shapes as this was completely new vocabulary. The work was scaffolded by giving different crown templates (one with masculine shapes only, one with masculine and feminine, a third one with masculine and feminine shapes as well as different sizes). The children were really keen to challenge themselves and we discussed how they could avoid repetition using *elle a*. They also remembered they could use *et* and *aussi*.



What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

Inaarah used a variety of sentences and made great use of adjectives. Sara challenged herself to use adjective agreement for masculine, feminine and plural. She varied her sentences and used aussi very well.

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Stéphanie Puisségur

How long have the children been learning French?

Since September 2024

How long are their language lessons?

Half an hour a week

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

This piece was submitted for the Association for Language Learning Calligram competition. There was no specific teaching to support the children. I introduced the competition in assembly and shared examples of calligrams.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

Because this was an independent activity that children were expected to do outside of school time, there was no support provided. Children were encouraged to use words they already knew or to be curious and use dictionaries.

What do you particularly like about this piece of work?

I love the unique look of this calligram. I am also impressed that Isaac spent time researching words for his piece, including a very fitting title.

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32–34 Stéphanie Puisségur

How long have the children been learning French?

Since Year 3. I have been their teacher since September.

How long are their language lessons?

45 minutes to an hour per week.

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children were introduced to individual words first, with a lot of oral practice as well as reading and spelling. Adjectives of size were introduced, and we practised simple phrases through listening, reading and writing activities. We then moved to full sentences. We did a lot of manipulation of the language



through human sentences. The children really enjoyed translating sentences and listening exercises too.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

Because we did a lot of practice with simple phrases, the children got feedback in their books about word order and spellings. They also had models of effective sentences in the reading and translating activities. A substitution table was provided for those who wanted.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

Saahil's design is lovely, and Saahil used a dictionary to find words we had not learnt in class. I was really impressed with how Safwan used adjectives correctly, as well as connectives. I was really pleased to see Kamran work independently and use adjectives correctly.

35–36 Emma Parker

How long have the children been learning French?

4 years

How long are their language lessons?

40 minutes

Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The pupils had been learning about feelings using the book Aujourd'hui je suis.

What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

We wrote a simile poem as a class using a dictionary to look up nouns to compare our feelings to so that they had an example. They had a word mat with feelings words and sentences where we talked about what we do to protect our mental health.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

It reflects our theme of talking about and looking after our mental health. It shows skill in using a bilingual dictionary. The boys have been able to apply grammar rules such as order of adjectives and have used some complex vocabulary.

37-38 Jane Birtwistle

How long have the children been learning French?

Since Year 3

How long are their language lessons?

30 - 45 minutes a week



Describe briefly the teaching and learning activities that took place prior to the children writing this piece.

The children had previously learnt how to name some items of clothing. We recapped colours and rules of adjectival placement and adjectival agreement in the masculine/feminine and singular/plural forms.

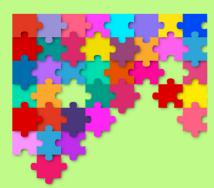
What support did the children have to enable them to complete this piece of writing?

Knowledge organisers and sentence builders (both teacher prepared and from the Lightbulb Languages scheme) and the WordReference online dictionary.

What do you particularly like about these pieces of work?

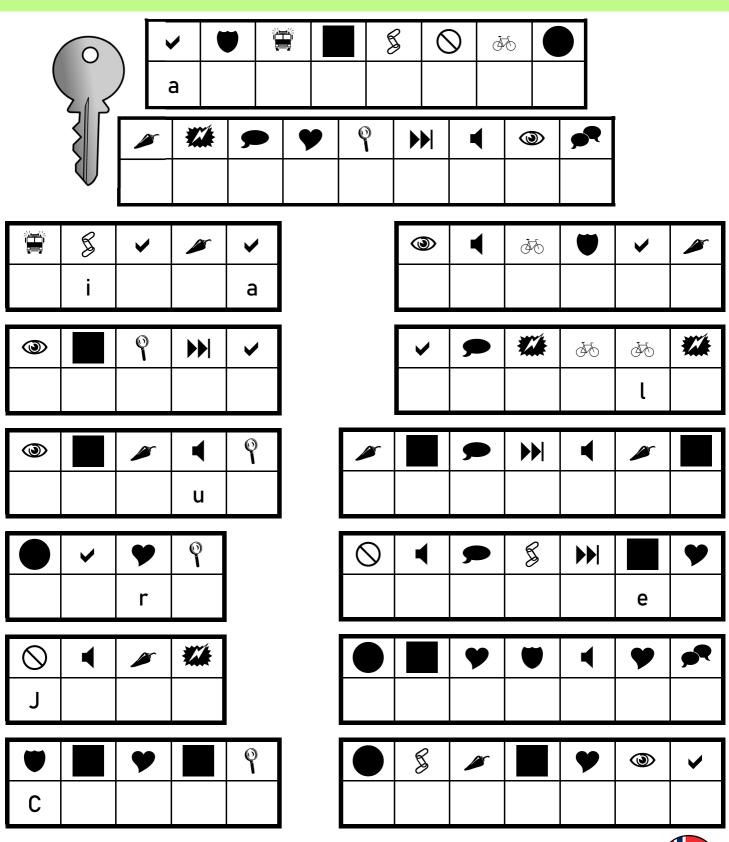
The children were highly motivated to design and describe a new school uniform. Several children even wanted to ask the Headteacher if their design could replace the current uniform! It allowed them to be creative and to link languages to art. The children took great pride in illustrating their work and also did fantastic oral presentations!



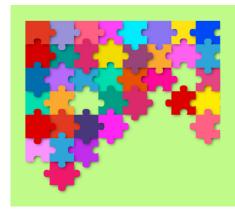


Puzzle Corner

Crack the code to reveal the names of 12 gods and goddesses from Roman mythology.



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Puzzle Corner

Solution from issue 22

Icelandic	Xhosa	Mandarin	Basque	
74	French	11	Esperanto	
Latin	about 340	Afrikaans	Mexico	
about 300 Argentina		Bulgarian	German	

1.	Which of the languages is a Romance language?	French
2.	Which of the languages was the first ever printed?	German
3.	How many sign languages are there in the world?	about 300
4.	Which of the languages is one of the world's oldest?	Basque
5.	How many languages are spoken in Papua New Guinea?	about 840
6.	Which of the languages is a Germanic language?	Icelandic
7.	How many official languages does South Africa have?	11
8.	Khmer has the longest alphabet. How many letters does it have?	74
9.	Which of the languages is a Slavic language?	Bulgarian
10.	Which alphabet does English use?	Latin
11.	Which of the languages uses clicks?	Xhosa
12.	Which country has the most Spanish speakers?	Mexico
13.	Which of the languages is the world's most spoken?	Mandarin Chinese
14.	Which of the languages is the youngest?	Afrikaans
15.	Which of the languages is artificial?	Esperanto
16.	Which country has a community of Welsh speakers?	Argentina





to all the children and teachers who have contributed their work to Write Away!

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