



Becontree Primary School



Supporting Your Child with French at Home

A Practical Guide for Parents



This booklet is designed to give parents clear, simple ways to support French learning at home. You do not need to be a French speaker to make a real difference. Your encouragement, curiosity, and interest help your child build confidence and enthusiasm for languages.

Welcome Message For Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting your child's language learning journey. At Becontree Primary School, French is introduced to help your child build communication skills, explore new cultures, and experience the joy of learning something new

At this age, children are encouraged to **experiment with words, speak aloud, and listen carefully**. They are not expected to be perfect. Your involvement—no matter how small—gives your child an extra boost of motivation.

In this booklet, you will find:

- Key topics children cover in Years 3-6
- Useful French words and phrases with pronunciation help
- Practical activities and games for home
- Cultural information to explore together
- Free, trusted online resources

Together, we can make language learning enjoyable and meaningful.



WHAT CHILDREN LEARN AT BECONTREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The French curriculum at the primary level focuses on **developing confidence through speaking and listening**. Here is an overview of the main themes your child will encounter:

Basic greetings and introductions

Saying hello, goodbye, and introducing themselves.

Numbers and counting

Learning numbers up to at least 31 to talk about dates and birthdays.

Days, months, and birthdays

Saying the date, asking when someone's birthday is.

Personal information

Talking about their name, age, and family members.

Classroom instructions

Following simple teacher directions in French.

Everyday topics

Colours, food, animals, and other simple vocabulary.

Likes and dislikes

Expressing opinions about foods, hobbies, and activities.

The emphasis is on **understanding spoken language** and **using short phrases accurately**. Grammar is introduced gently, with the primary goal being enjoyment and effective communication.



WAYS TO SUPPORT AT HOME

Here are simple ways you can help, even if you don't know any French:

Show interest: Ask your child to share a new word or phrase each week. Let them "teach" you—it boosts their confidence.

Label household objects: Stick small notes with French words on everyday items (e.g., *la porte* = the door). Seeing the words often helps memory.

Sing together: Look up simple French songs for children. Singing makes new vocabulary stick naturally.

Set up a French routine: Choose a day of the week to use a few French words during mealtimes or playtime.

Praise effort: Celebrate attempts and progress rather than focusing on mistakes. Confidence comes first.

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Below are some everyday French expressions your child may learn. The pronunciation is written to help you say the words.

English	French	Pronunciation
Hello	Bonjour	bon-zhoor
Goodbye	Au revoir	oh ruh-vwar
please	S'il vous plaît	seel voo pleh
Thank you	Merci	mehr-see
Yes/No	Oui / Non	wee / non
My name is...	Je m'appelle...	zhuh mah-pel
What's your name?	Comment tu t'appelles ?	koh-mon too tah-pel
How are you?	Ça va ?	sah vah
I'm fine	Ça va bien	sah vah byan

Practise greetings at the door or during family meals to make these phrases feel natural.



NUMBERS, DAYS AND MONTHS

Numbers 1-10

- 1 - un (uh)
- 2 - deux (duh)
- 3 - trois (trwah)
- 4 - quatre (kat-ruh)
- 5 - cinq (sank)
- 6 - six (sees)
- 7 - sept (set)
- 8 - huit (weet)
- 9 - neuf (nuhf)
- 10 - dix (dees)

Days of the Week

- lundi — Monday (lun-dee)
- mardi — Tuesday (mar-dee)
- mercredi — Wednesday (mehr-cruh-dee)
- jeudi — Thursday (zhuh-dee)
- vendredi — Friday (von-druh-dee)
- samedi — Saturday (sam-dee)
- dimanche — Sunday (dee-mohnsh)

Months of the Year

- Janvier
- Février
- Mars
- Avril
- Mai
- Juin
- Juillet
- Août
- Septembre
- Octobre
- Novembre
- Décembre

COMMON CLASSROOM PHRASES

Your child will often hear these phrases during French lessons:

English	French	Pronunciation
Listen!	Écoute !	ay-coot
Repeat, please	Répète, s'il te plaît	ray-pet seel tuh pleh
Look!	Regarde !	ruh-gard
I've finished	J'ai fini	zhay fee-nee
I don't understand	Je ne comprends pas	zhuh nuh kom-prohn pah
Raise your hand	Levez la main	luh-vay lah man

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

Object Hunt

Hide labelled objects around the house and ask your child to find them by their French names.

French Bingo

Create bingo cards with numbers, colours, or food words. Call them out in French for your child to mark.

Memory Match

Make pairs of picture cards and French word cards. Turn them over and play a matching game.

Jacques a dit (French "Simon Says")

Give simple instructions in French—great for practising listening skills.

Mini role-play

Pretend you are at a café or shop. Use greetings and basic phrases for a short conversation.

Free Online Resources

BBC Bitesize French

BBC Bitesize French provides a variety of interactive games, quizzes, and activities covering topics such as greetings, numbers, colours, animals, and food. These resources are designed to engage students and reinforce their understanding of basic French vocabulary and phrases.

In addition to interactive games, BBC Bitesize offers structured lessons and revision materials that align with the UK curriculum. These resources are suitable for both classroom use and independent learning at home.

Duolingo Kids

Duolingo Kids introduces children to French by guiding them through themed lessons that cover topics such as animals, numbers, colours, and simple phrases. Each lesson is structured like a game, with interactive elements that encourage active participation and reinforce learning through repetition and positive reinforcement. The app's user-friendly interface and engaging activities make it accessible and enjoyable for young learners.

French-Games.net

A comprehensive platform featuring over 100 beginner and intermediate topics, including family, food, animals, school, and daily routines. Pupils can play 14 interactive games such as *Duck Shoot*, *The Frog Flies*, and *Four in a Row* to reinforce vocabulary and grammar. No registration is required.

Digital Dialects – French Games

This site offers a variety of interactive French games for beginners, covering topics like numbers, colours, animals, and basic phrases. Games include quizzes, flashcards, and spelling challenges, all accompanied by audio to aid pronunciation. Ideal for reinforcing vocabulary and grammar in a fun and engaging way.

Helpful Games – French

Games cover various topics and skills, including vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar, helping pupils develop their French language abilities.

Lightbulb Languages – Interactive Games

Lightbulb Languages provides a range of interactive French games, including memory games, matching activities, and word searches. Topics covered include food, places in town, and adjectival agreement, offering pupils opportunities to practice and reinforce their language skills.