



French Days Nursery

To explore French language and culture through play-based EYFS activities



Aut 	Choice 1 Communication & Language  French Greetings Bonjour, Au revoir, Merci, S'il vous plaît and Je m'appelle... Repeat greetings during the day and encourage children to join in with familiar words and phrases. Je m'appelle Emma	Choice 2 Music / Expressive Arts  Learn and sing Frère Jacques. Learn and sing Frère Jacques. Keep a steady beat using percussion instruments. Listen for repeated sounds and join in with familiar words and phrases.	Choice 3 Understanding the World  Explore France Explore France using a globe, map and photographs. Find France and the UK and look at pictures of Paris, the Eiffel Tower, cafés and French streets. Talk about what children notice.	Choice 4 Art and Design  Create French flag pictures Create French flag pictures using blue, white and red paint, collage or printing. Make Eiffel Tower pictures using blocks, lolly sticks, straws or loose parts and explore shape and size.	Food tasting  Babybel Grapes Croissant
Spr 	Choice 1 Mathematics French Café Maths  French café counting. Count pretend croissants, baguettes and cakes onto plates. Match small quantities to number cards and compare groups using more, fewer and the same.	Choice 2 Literacy / Role Play  Set up a French café. Children make menus to explore writing and mark-making, take orders, use a till and take turn roles – customer, chef(s) and waiters. Model Bonjour, Merci and Au revoir.	Choice 3 Maths  Length/Shape: Have pictures/baguettes of different sizes and compare them and put them in order. Alternatively have pastry shapes and match them with their tray or shadow match.	Choice 4 Physical Development  French bakery playdough. Roll, squeeze and shape pretend baguettes and pastries. Outdoors, create a Tour de France route for bikes and trikes using cones and French flags.	Food tasting  Pain au chocolat Baguette Laughing Cow cheese
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Nursery practitioner note: Keep French vocabulary playful and repetitive. Observe listening, communication, counting, imaginative play, physical development, creativity and curiosity about other cultures.



Taste suitable French foods such as baguette, croissant, cheese and fruit. Explore smell, texture and taste and talk about likes and dislikes. Check allergies and dietary requirements first.

