



French Days Reception

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



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Choice 1

Communication & Language

French Greetings
Learn and use simple greetings: Bonjour, Au revoir, Merci, S'il vous plaît and Je m'appelle... Children practise greetings with a partner or puppet and make a simple name card.

Je m'appelle Emma

Choice 2

Music / Expressive Arts

Learn and sing Frère Jacques.
Keep a steady beat using percussion instruments. Explore loud/quiet: and fast/slow while singing. Children join in with repeated French words and actions.

Choice 3

Understanding the World

Explore France
Use a globe or map to locate the UK and France. Find Paris and look at photographs of landmarks. Children create a simple poster/passport about key features.

Choice 4

Art and Design

French Flag and Eiffel Tower Art
Explore the colours and pattern of the French flag. Create a flag using paint/collage. Look closely at the Eiffel Tower and make an observational drawing using lines and shapes.

Food tasting

Croissant
Grapes
Babybel

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Choice 1

Mathematics

French Café Maths
Count and match croissants, baguettes and fruit to numerals. Use simple café orders such as '2 croissants please'. Compare groups using more, fewer and the same. Challenge children to find the total when one more item is added.

Choice 2

Literacy / Role Play

French Food Problems
Use practical objects to solve simple addition and subtraction problems. E.g. 'There are 4 croissants. One is eaten. How many are left?' Encourage children to explain how they know.

Choice 3

Maths / EAD

Maths/art
Create pictures with patterns using red, white and blue and talk about the French flag. Compare it to the UK flag – what do they notice?

Choice 4

Physical Development

DT / Art and Design
Build the Eiffel Tower
Look at the shapes and structure of the Eiffel Tower. Use construction materials, straws or craft sticks to design and build a tower. Compare height and stability.

Food tasting

Pain au chocolat
Baguette
Laughing Cow cheese

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Choice 1

Understanding the World

France and Europe
Use a simple map of Europe to locate France and the UK. Talk about ways we might travel to France and compare familiar features of home with photographs of France. What would you pack in your suitcase activity?

Choice 2

Communication & Language

Tour de France
Share an age-appropriate text or photographs about the Tour de France. Discuss what happens in the race and sequence simple events. Children draw and label a cyclist or bicycle.

Choice 3

Expressive Arts & Design

Bicycle Art and Movement
Explore the shapes and features of a bicycle. Create a bicycle picture using circles, lines and shapes. Outdoors, use bikes/trikes on a simple 'Tour de France' route.

Choice 4

French / PSSED

Fruit and Vegetable Vocabulary
Learn a small selection of French words. Sort fruit and vegetables, count items and discuss healthy choices.

Food tasting

Madeleines / French biscuits
Quiche
Crêpe