MFL (French) Progression Map

Year	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
3	Understand and respond to familiar words, phrases and simple sentences. Follow basic classroom instructions and begin to recognise French sounds and pronunciation patterns.	Respond to simple questions and communicate using familiar words and short phrases with developing pronunciation. Join in with songs, rhymes and simple spoken activities.	Recognise and understand familiar written words and phrases. Read aloud with increasing confidence and use simple reference materials to support understanding.	Copy and write familiar words and simple sentences using a model. Begin to write some familiar vocabulary from memory.
4	Identify and understand familiar words, phrases and short passages. Follow a wider range of classroom instructions, answer simple questions about spoken texts and recognise basic grammatical features such as questions and negatives. Develop awareness of French sounds and patterns within longer phrases.	Ask and answer a wider range of questions with increasing accuracy and pronunciation. Take part in short conversations, express opinions and interests, and use familiar vocabulary to talk about themselves, family, pets and hobbies. Join in confidently with songs and short texts.	Read and understand familiar phrases, sentences and short passages. Read aloud with increasing fluency, identify key information and use a bilingual dictionary to explore new vocabulary.	Write short sentences using models, word banks and writing frames. Reuse familiar language and begin to build simple phrases and sentences from memory.
5	Understand the main points and some detail in longer spoken texts containing familiar language. Follow a range of classroom instructions, identify key information and recognise French sounds in both familiar and unfamiliar words.	Take part in simple conversations using familiar vocabulary and sentence structures. Express opinions, use conjunctions to extend sentences, perform role-plays and deliver short presentations with increasing confidence, accuracy and intonation.	Read and understand the main ideas in short texts on familiar topics. Develop fluency through repeated reading and use reading strategies to support comprehension.	Write a series of sentences about familiar topics by adapting previously learnt language. Use dictionaries to check spelling and begin to apply grammatical knowledge, including pronouns, adjectival agreement and sentence structure, with increasing independence.
6	Understand the main points, key details and simple opinions in longer spoken texts across a range of familiar topics. Follow complex classroom instructions and demonstrate secure understanding of a wider range of language structures. Recognise and respond to language heard in stories, songs and conversations.	Initiate and sustain simple conversations independently on familiar topics. Retell experiences, perform dialogues from memory and speak with increasing fluency, confidence and accuracy. Use previously learnt language creatively in spoken interactions.	Read a variety of longer texts with confidence and enjoyment. Identify the main points and key details, read aloud accurately and independently access unfamiliar language using appropriate strategies and reference materials.	Write short, connected texts from memory and adapt modelled language for different purposes and audiences. Apply a growing understanding of grammar and vocabulary to express personal information and opinions, including in authentic contexts such as letters to a French pen pal. Use dictionaries independently to support writing.