

# CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENT GRADES 4-6

FRENCH SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

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# SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENT

#### 1.1 BACKGROUND

The National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 (NCS) stipulates policy on curriculum and assessment in the schooling sector.

To improve implementation, the National Curriculum Statement was amended, with the amendments coming into effect in January 2012. A single comprehensive Curriculum and Assessment Policy document was developed for each subject to replace Subject Statements, Learning Programme Guidelines and Subject Assessment Guidelines in Grades R-12.

#### 1.2 OVERVIEW

- (a) The *National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 (January 2012)* represents a policy statement for learning and teaching in South African schools and comprises the following:
  - (i) Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements for each approved school subject;
  - (ii) The policy document, National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12; and
  - (iii) The policy document, National Protocol for Assessment Grades R-12 (January 2012).
- (b) The National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 (January 2012) replaces the two current national curricula statements, namely the
  - (i) Revised National Curriculum Statement Grades R-9, Government Gazette No. 23406 of 31 May 2002, and
  - (ii) National Curriculum Statement Grades 10-12 Government Gazettes, No. 25545 of 6 October 2003 and No. 27594 of 17 May 2005.
- (c) The national curriculum statements contemplated in subparagraphs b(i) and (ii) comprise the following policy documents which will be incrementally repealed by the *National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 (January 2012)* during the period 2012-2014:
  - (i) The Learning Area/Subject Statements, Learning Programme Guidelines and Subject Assessment Guidelines for Grades R-9 and Grades 10-12;
  - (ii) The policy document, National Policy on assessment and qualifications for schools in the General Education and Training Band, promulgated in Government Notice No. 124 in Government Gazette No. 29626 of 12 February 2007;
  - (iii) The policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), promulgated in Government Gazette No.27819 of 20 July 2005;
  - (iv) The policy document, An addendum to the policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), regarding learners with special needs published in Government Gazette, No.29466 of 11 December 2006, is incorporated in the policy document, National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12; and

- (v) The policy document, An addendum to the policy document, the National Senior Certificate: A qualification at Level 4 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), regarding the National Protocol for Assessment (Grades R-12), promulgated in Government Notice No.1267 in Government Gazette No. 29467 of 11 December 2006.=
- (d) The policy document, National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12, and the sections on the Curriculum and Assessment Policy as contemplated in Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of this document constitute the norms and standards of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12. It will therefore, in terms of section 6A of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996,) form the basis for the Minister of Basic Education to determine minimum outcomes and standards, as well as the processes and procedures for the assessment of learner achievement to be applicable to public and independent schools.

#### 1.3 GENERAL AIMS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CURRICULUM

- (a) The *National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12* gives expression to the knowledge, skills and values worth learning in South African schools. This curriculum aims to ensure that children acquire and apply knowledge and skills in ways that are meaningful to their own lives. In this regard, the curriculum promotes knowledge in local contexts, while being sensitive to global imperatives.
- (b) The National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 serves the purposes of:
  - equipping learners, irrespective of their socio-economic background, race, gender, physical ability or intellectual ability, with the knowledge, skills and values necessary for self-fulfilment, and meaningful participation in society as citizens of a free country;
  - · providing access to higher education;
  - · facilitating the transition of learners from education institutions to the workplace; and
  - providing employers with a sufficient profile of a learner's competences.
- (c) The National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 is based on the following principles:
  - Social transformation: ensuring that the educational imbalances of the past are redressed, and that equal educational opportunities are provided for all sections of the population;
  - Active and critical learning: encouraging an active and critical approach to learning, rather than rote and uncritical learning of given truths;
  - High knowledge and high skills: the minimum standards of knowledge and skills to be achieved at each
    grade are specified and set high, achievable standards in all subjects;
  - · Progression: content and context of each grade shows progression from simple to complex;
  - Human rights, inclusivity, environmental and social justice: infusing the principles and practices of social and environmental justice and human rights as defined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. The National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 is sensitive to issues of diversity such as poverty, inequality, race, gender, language, age, disability and other factors;
  - Valuing indigenous knowledge systems: acknowledging the rich history and heritage of this country as important contributors to nurturing the values contained in the Constitution; and

- Credibility, quality and efficiency: providing an education that is comparable in quality, breadth and depth to those of other countries.
- (d) The National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12 aims to produce learners that are able to:
  - · identify and solve problems and make decisions using critical and creative thinking;
  - · work effectively as individuals and with others as members of a team;
  - · organise and manage themselves and their activities responsibly and effectively;
  - collect, analyse, organise and critically evaluate information;
  - communicate effectively using visual, symbolic and/or language skills in various modes;
  - use science and technology effectively and critically showing responsibility towards the environment and the health of others; and
  - demonstrate an understanding of the world as a set of related systems by recognising that problem solving contexts do not exist in isolation.
- (e) Inclusivity should become a central part of the organisation, planning and teaching at each school. This can only happen if all teachers have a sound understanding of how to recognise and address barriers to learning, and how to plan for diversity.

The key to managing inclusivity is ensuring that barriers are identified and addressed by all the relevant support structures within the school community, including teachers, District-Based Support Teams, Institutional-Level Support Teams, parents and Special Schools as Resource Centres. To address barriers in the classroom, teachers should use various curriculum differentiation strategies such as those included in the Department of Basic Education's *Guidelines for Inclusive Teaching and Learning* (2010).

#### 1.4 TIME ALLOCATION

#### 1.4.1 Foundation Phase

(a) The instructional time in the Foundation Phase is as follows:

| SUBJECT                        | GRADE R<br>(HOURS) | GRADES 1-2<br>(HOURS) | GRADE 3<br>(HOURS) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Home Language                  | 10                 | 8/7                   | 8/7                |
| First Additional Language      |                    | 2/3                   | 3/4                |
| Mathematics                    | 7                  | 7                     | 7                  |
| Life Skills                    | 6                  | 6                     | 7                  |
| Beginning Knowledge            | (1)                | (1)                   | (2)                |
| Creative Arts                  | (2)                | (2)                   | (2)                |
| Physical Education             | (2)                | (2)                   | (2)                |
| Personal and Social Well-being | (1)                | (1)                   | (1)                |

| TOTAL | 23 | 23 | 25 |  |
|-------|----|----|----|--|
|       |    |    |    |  |

- (b) Instructional time for Grades R, 1 and 2 is 23 hours and for Grade 3 is 25 hours.
- (c) Ten hours are allocated for languages in Grades R-2 and 11 hours in Grade 3. A maximum of 8 hours and a minimum of 7 hours are allocated for Home Language and a minimum of 2 hours and a maximum of 3 hours for Additional Language in Grades 1-2. In Grade 3 a maximum of 8 hours and a minimum of 7 hours are allocated for Home Language and a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 4 hours for First Additional Language.
- (d) In Life Skills Beginning Knowledge is allocated 1 hour in Grades R 2 and 2 hours as indicated by the hours in brackets for Grade 3.

#### 1.4.2 Intermediate Phase

(a) The instructional time in the Intermediate Phase is as follows:

| SUBJECT                         | HOURS |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Home Language                   | 6     |
| First Additional Language       | 5     |
| Mathematics                     | 6     |
| Natural Sciences and Technology | 3,5   |
| Social Sciences                 | 3     |
| Life Skills                     | 4     |
| Creative Arts                   | (1,5) |
| Physical Education              | (1)   |
| Personal and Social Well-being  | (1,5) |
| TOTAL                           | 27,5  |

#### 1.4.3 Senior Phase

(a) The instructional time in the Senior Phase is as follows:

| SUBJECT                   | HOURS |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Home Language             | 5     |
| First Additional Language | 4     |

| Mathematics                  | 4,5  |
|------------------------------|------|
| Natural Sciences             | 3    |
| Social Sciences              | 3    |
| Technology                   | 2    |
| Economic Management Sciences | 2    |
| Life Orientation             | 2    |
| Creative Arts                | 2    |
| TOTAL                        | 27,5 |

## 1.4.4 Grades 10-12

## (a) The instructional time in Grades 10-12 is as follows:

| SUBJECT   | TIME ALLOCATION PER WEEK (HOURS) |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Home Language   | 4.5                              |
| First Additional Language   | 4.5                              |
| Mathematics   | 4.5                              |
| Life Orientation  | 2                                |
| A minimum of any three subjects selected from <b>Group B</b> <u>Annexure B. Tables B1-B8</u> of the policy document, <i>National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement Grades R-12</i> , subject to the provisos stipulated in paragraph 28 of the said policy document. | 12 (3x4h)                        |
| TOTAL   | 27,5                             |

The allocated time per week may be utilised only for the minimum required NCS subjects as specified above, and may not be used for any additional subjects added to the list of minimum subjects. Should a learner wish to offer additional subjects, additional time must be allocated for the offering of these subjects.

# SECTION 2: INTRODUCING THE SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN THE INTERMEDIATE PHASE

#### 2.1 LANGUAGES IN THE CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Language is a tool for thought and communication. It is also a cultural and aesthetic means commonly shared among a people to make better sense of the world they live in. Learning to use language effectively enables learners to acquire knowledge, to express their identity, feelings and ideas, to interact with others, and to manage their world. It also provides learners with a rich, powerful and deeply rooted set of images and ideas that can be used to make their world other than it is; better than it is; clearer than it is. It is through language that cultural diversity and social relations are expressed and constructed, and it is through language that such constructions can be altered, broadened and refined.

#### 2.1.1 Language levels

Language learning in the Intermediate Phase includes all the official languages in South Africa, namely, Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sepedi (Sesotho sa Leboa), Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga and non-official languages, namely, Arabic, French, German, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Latin, Modern Greek, Portuguese, Spanish, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu. All official languages can be offered at Home, First Additional, or Second Additional Language levels. All non-official languages are offered on at least Second Additional Language level.

Language learning in Grades 4 - 9 includes all the official languages in South Africa. All these official languages can be offered at Home, First Additional, or Second Additional Language levels. Non-official languages may be offered on at least Second Additional Language level where such languages have been developed.

The Home Language is the language first acquired by learners while First Additional language is the language learnt in addition to one's home language. The Second Additional Language is the further language that a learner can learn, that enables broader communication and promotes multilingualism as enshrined in the Constitution and the Language in Education Policy. The language may be in use within the community or culture and will enhance nation building and intercultural understanding. Many South African schools do not offer the home languages of some or all of the enrolled learners but rather have one or two languages offered at home language level. As a result, the names Home Language, First Additional and Second Additional Language refer to the proficiency levels at which the language is offered, and not the native (Home) or acquired (as in the Additional) languages. For the purposes of this policy, any reference to Home Language should be understood to refer to the level and not the language itself.

The Home Language level provides for language proficiency that reflects the mastery of basic interpersonal communication skills required in social situations and the cognitive academic skills essential for learning across the curriculum. Emphasis is placed on the teaching of the listening, speaking, Reading and Writing skills at this language level. This level also provides learners with a literary, aesthetic and imaginative ability that will provide them with the ability to recreate, imagine, and empower their understandings of the world they live in. However, the emphasis and marks allocated for Reading and Writing from Grades 7 onwards are greater than that for speaking and listening because the demands on learners' literacy increase as they prepare for further and higher education and the world of work.

The First Additional Language level assumes that learners do not necessarily have any knowledge of the language when they arrive at school. The focus in the first few years of school is on developing learners' ability to understand and speak the language - basic interpersonal communication skills. In Grades 2 and 3 learners start to build literacy on this oral foundation. They also apply the literacy skills they have already learned in their Home Language.

In the Intermediate and Senior Phases, learners continue to strengthen their listening, speaking, Reading and Writing

skills. At this stage the majority of children are learning through the medium of their First Additional Language, English, and should be getting more exposure to it. Greater emphasis is therefore given to using the First Additional Language for the purposes of thinking and reasoning. This enables learners to develop their cognitive academic skills, which they need to study subjects like Science in English. They also engage more with literary texts and begin to develop aesthetic and imaginative ability in their Additional Language.

By the time learners enter Grade 7, they should be reasonably proficient in their First Additional Language with regard to both interpersonal and cognitive academic skills. However, the reality is that many learners still cannot communicate well in their Additional Language at this stage. The challenge in Grades 4-6, therefore, is to provide support for these learners at the same time as providing a curriculum that enables learners to meet the standards required in further grades. These standards must be such that learners can use their additional language at a high level of proficiency to prepare them for further or higher education or the world of work.

The Second Additional Language level assumes that learners do not necessarily have any knowledge of the language when they arrive at school. The focus upon exposure to Second Additional Language is on developing learners' ability to understand and speak the language - basic interpersonal communication skills. In Grades 4 - 6 learners start to build their oral and literacy skills. They also apply the oral and literacy skills they have already learned in their Home and First Additional Languages.

In Grades 7-9, learners will continue to strengthen their Listening and Speaking while developing their Reading and Writing skills.

By the time learners enter Grade 7, they should try to communicate in their Second Additional Language at both interpersonal and social levels. However, the reality is that many learners still cannot communicate well in their Additional Language at this stage. The challenge in Grades 4-6, therefore, is to provide support for these learners at the same time as providing a curriculum that enables learners to meet the standards required in further grades. These standards must be such that learners can use their additional language at a level of proficiency to prepare them for further or higher education or the world of work.

#### 2.1.1.1 Specific aims of learning Second Additional Languages

Learning a Second Additional Language should enable learners to:

acquire the language skills necessary to communicate appropriately in the target language at a basic level;

listen, speak, read/view and write the language with growing confidence and enjoyment. These skills and attitudes form the basis for life-long learning;

express, orally and in writing, and emotions in order to become comfortable in the language;

use language and their imagination to find out more about themselves and the different cultures and the world around them. This will enable them to express their experiences and findings about the world orally and in writing;

use language to access and manage communication in other contexts. Information literacy is a vital skill in the 'information age' and forms the basis for lifelong learning;

use language as a means for expressing information on familiar topics; for interacting with a familiar range of texts; and for reading texts for enjoyment, basic information and communication.

## 2.1.1.2 Teaching the Second Additional Language

In order to learn an Additional Language well, one needs as much exposure to it as possible in order to build linguistic competence and basic discourse competence. Teachers should therefore ensure that learners listen to and read the Additional Language in the time allocated for various purposes. The learners need opportunities to listen to the Additional Language for information and comprehension (e.g. a dialogue) and for pleasure (e.g. a song). Even more

importantly, they need opportunities to read and view the Additional Language for information (e.g. instructions to make a sandwich), pleasure (e.g. a simple story). Research shows that the best way to develop a wide vocabulary is through reading of appropriate texts. It is very important that oral, written and visual texts are at the right level for learners. If the texts are too difficult, learners will get discouraged and they will not learn anything; if they are too easy, there will be no challenge and little learning will take place. An important role of the language teacher is to match the level of text to the level of the learner. Throughout the Intermediate Phase, learners should be listening to and reading texts that are in line with their developing language skills.

Learners also need to use their Additional Language as often as possible. They need opportunities to listen, speak, read and, to a lesser extent, write the Additional Language for interpersonal reasons (e.g. a dialogue), to develop their creativity (e.g. performing a song, role playing, etc.), to develop communicative skills (e.g. expressing an opinion, meeting and greeting).

Learners need to understand the purpose for which they are speaking. Throughout the Intermediate Phase, learners should be doing oral exercises that are in line with their developing language skills. It is necessary that learners get regular and timely feedback on their orals so that they know where and how to improve. An important role of a language teacher is to provide high quality feedback, which is at the heart of good assessment.

Learners also need to know the basics of language: grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation. Generally, teachers will deal with these aspects of language in context. For example, they can make learners aware of the structure and features used in giving directions (commands are used). There is also a place for direct/explicit teaching of the basics and the opportunity to practise them-

When planning a two-week unit of lessons, teachers should integrate language skills, together with the basics of language. They should choose a text type and a topic / theme that will interest learners; little learning can be achieved if learners are not engaged and motivated. For example, a topic for phrases / sentences might be 'My school'. Teachers could introduce the topic through listening and/or reading, building the language and vocabulary knowledge necessary for speaking. For example, learners could read a short text presenting the vocabulary and language structures. Once learners are familiar with the language necessary for this topic, they could then write the phrase / sentence. This would provide further opportunities for working with language. Teachers should provide feedback throughout the process and administer an appropriate assessment activity at the end.

In Grades 4 - 6, it is important that:

There is a strong focus on Listening and Speaking

There is continued support for the development of vocabulary, sentence and paragraph construction, and grammar in context

Learners work with a variety of texts, including visual texts. These texts increase in difficulty as they move through the grades

#### 2.1.2 THE LANGUAGE SKILLS

The Second Additional Language curriculum is packaged according to the following skills:

| 1 | Listening and Speaking |
|---|------------------------|
| 2 | Reading and Viewing    |
| 3 | Writing and Presenting |

### Listening and Speaking

**Listening and Speaking** are central to learning in all subjects. Through effective Listening and Speaking strategies, learners collect and synthesise information, construct knowledge, solve problems, and express ideas and opinions. In Grades 4 - 6, **Second Additional Language learners** will use Listening and Speaking skills to communicate at a basic level.

In this phase, learners' spoken language still needs to be scaffolded (i.e. modelled and supported, for example, with vocabulary and sentence frames). The teacher needs to make sure that all learners get opportunities to speak in the target language. Because learners will progress at a different pace, the teacher needs to tailor speaking opportunities (e.g. the questions asked) to the level of the individual child. As the children move through the grades, the teacher should expect children to speak more and their utterances should become longer.

Teaching time should include daily practice of short Listening and Speaking activities as well as longer focused activities spread out through the week.

In Grades 4- 6, teachers should approach listening as a three-phase activity:

**Pre-listening:** This prepares learners for listening to an oral text in their Additional Language. For example, the teacher could use a visual text and ask a general, focusing question in advance which the learners must answer after they have listened to the text for the first time.

**During listening:** It is good practice for the teacher to read (or play) a listening text several times, asking different questions each time. It is helpful to move from questions which enable learners to understand the general meaning of the text, to more specific questions that require a more detailed understanding of the text. By doing this, the teacher is helping learners to develop listening strategies.

Post listening: Learners answer further questions, review notes, use information (e.g. to label a picture).

Speaking happens informally in the classroom, for example, in group work. Learners also need opportunities to practise the kind of informal conversations they might not normally have in the classroom. Teachers should provide instruction in formal speaking and presenting, for example, a prepared, reading aloud, etc. This will often be a two-step process:

Planning and organising ideas and information

Practising and presenting: demonstrating an awareness of audience and context; the use of appropriate and accurate Language Structures and Conventions; clear delivery; use of appropriate verbal and non-verbal techniques, etc.

#### **Reading and Viewing**

**Reading** and **viewing** skills are central to successful learning across the curriculum, as well as for full participation in society, the world of work and the global context. Learners develop reading and viewing skills of a familiar range of texts, including visual texts, for information.

If necessary, use shared reading at the beginning of Grade 4 to guide learners into this phase. This method can be used from time to time if sufficient books at this level are available. This could be alternated with storytelling. If books at this level are not available, then use texts from a textbook or reader/s. Use also methods such as Reading with and Reading to the whole class.

Use guided group reading and independent/pair reading methods and gradually get learners to do more and more independent reading. The independent reading stipulated in the teaching plans must be accommodated within the

time allocated for reading. Encourage learners to do independent reading in any spare time that they have.

Set basic comprehension activities to ensure that learners understand what they read.

#### The reading process

The introduction of the reading process consists of the pre-reading, reading and post reading stages. Activities that the Teacher will assist the learner in can be summarised as follows:

#### Pre-reading:

Activating prior knowledge and making connections.

Looking at the source, author, publication date and type of text.

Browsing through the first paragraph of a section - formulating expectancies.

#### Reading:

Pause occasionally to check comprehension and to let the ideas sink in

Use the context to work out the meaning of unknown words as much as is possible; where this is not possible, use a dictionary

Visualise what is being read

Continue reading even if parts are not always clearly understood.

Reread a section if it is not understood at all. Read confusing sections aloud, at a slower pace, or both.

Ask someone to help for understanding a difficult section

Add reading marks and annotate key points

Reflect on what is being read

### Post reading:

When the need arises to recall specific information, outline key ideas and a few supporting details

Write key words to help clarifying and recalling main ideas.

Think about new questions on the topic

Understanding - confirm the understanding of the text

Extend thinking - use ideas that are seen in the text

#### Writing and presenting

**Writing** is a powerful instrument of communication that allows learners to construct and communicate thoughts and ideas coherently. Frequent writing practice across a variety of familiar contexts, tasks and subjects enables learners to communicate functionally and creatively. The aim is to introduce writing skills to develop and present appropriate written texts. In the Intermediate Phase, **Second Additional Language learners** will need careful support and guidance to develop writing skills.

Writing is important because it forces learners to think about grammar and spelling. This encourages learners to process the language, speeds up language acquisition and increases accuracy. Learners will learn to write a range of familiar creative and informational texts, initially using writing frames as support and gradually learning to write particular text types independently. They will also employ the writing process to produce well organised, grammatically correct writing texts.

#### Process approach to writing

Writing and designing texts is a process which consists of the following stages:

Pre-writing / planning

**Drafting** 

Revision, editing, proofreading

Presenting

Learners need an opportunity to put this process into practice and they should:

decide on the purpose and audience of a text to be written and/or designed;

brainstorm ideas using, for example, mind maps, flow charts or lists;

consult relevant sources, select relevant information and organise ideas;

produce a first draft which takes into account purpose, audience, topic and text structure

read drafts and get feedback from others (classmates or the teacher);

edit and proofread the draft; and

produce a neat, legible, edited final version.

## **Language Structures and Conventions**

A good knowledge of vocabulary and grammar provides the foundation for skills development (listening, speaking, Reading and Writing) in the Second Additional Language. Intermediate Phase learners will be introduced to language structure and conventions in the target language.

Through interacting with a variety of familiar texts, learners extend their use of vocabulary and correctly apply language structures. In the Intermediate Phase, Second Additional Language learners will take more notice of words and grammatical structures they are already familiar with.

Learners will explore progressively how **language is used**. They will also be able to use this knowledge to experiment with language to build meaning (from word and sentence levels to whole texts), and to see how a text and its context are related.

It is expected that Language Structures and Conventions will be taught in context as other language skills are taught and developed. However, in the Intermediate Phase time should be set aside for formal instruction and practice in Language Structures and Conventions. The teaching plans contain a list of language items that should be covered in each grade. These are listed at the beginning of each term. When selecting listening and reading texts for each two-week cycle, make sure that they contain some of the language items that need to be covered that term. Create activities related to these texts that will enable learners to use these items, in context. Similarly, the writing texts learners will write will include some of the language items. Give learners guidance on appropriate and correct usage of these items. Select some of the items that learners have difficulty with and give them formal practice (during the time per week set aside for this).

#### 2.1.3 Language teaching approaches

The approaches to teaching language in these documents are text-based, communicative, integrated and process oriented.

The **text-based approach** and the **communicative approach** are both dependent on the continuous use and production of texts.

A **text-based approach** teaches learners to become competent, confident and critical readers, writers, viewers, and designers of texts. It involves listening to, reading, viewing, and understanding texts. Authentic texts are the main source of content and context for the communicative, integrated learning and teaching of languages. The text-based approach also involves producing different kinds of simple texts for particular purposes.

A **communicative approach** suggests that when learning a language a learner should have a great deal of exposure to the target language and many opportunities to practise or produce the language. Learners learn to read by doing a great deal of reading and learn to write by doing much writing.

The process approach is used when learners produce oral and written texts. The learners engage in different stages of the listening, speaking, reading, and writing processes. They must think of the audience and the purpose during these processes. This will enable them to communicate and express their thoughts in a natural way. For example, the teaching of writing does not focus on the product only but also focuses on the purpose and process of writing. During process writing, learners are taught how to generate ideas, to think about the purpose and audience, to write drafts, to edit their work, and to present a written product that communicates their thoughts.

#### Approaches to teaching literature / working with texts

The main reason for reading literature / texts in the classroom is to create opportunities to apply learned language skills. The teaching of literature / texts is never easy, but it is impossible without personal, thoughtful, and honest interpretations and comments from the learners themselves. Unless they learn how to understand texts on their own, they will not have learned much.

Ways to approach the teaching of literature would involve some or all of the following:

Make every attempt to read as much of the text in class as possible without breaking for any other activity. It is essential that learners have a clear idea of what is going on at the most basic level of the text. Read as many as possible in class, and ensure that learners read poems as well.

Writing activities that demand a basic understanding of the text being read can prove very helpful in raising language skills levels and raising appreciation of skills levels attained. Class discussions can be fruitful as long as everyone is involved and it leads to written work.

Finally, work with texts should be approached as a unit, a whole.

Following is a summary of the main text types encountered in the Intermediate Phase and the language structures inherent in these text types. This information will assist in structuring activities on the different texts so that learners can engage with these language structures. Select only a few language structures to give attention to each time when teaching these text types.

#### 2.2 TIME ALLOCATION

The recommended teaching time for Second Additional Language in the Intermediate Phase is 1.5 hours per week. All language content is provided within a two-week cycle (3 hours). The following time allocation for the different language skills is suggested.

| Skills               | Time allocation per<br>week (Hours) | Time Allocation per<br>Two-Week Cycle<br>(Minutes) | %  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----|
| Listening & Speaking | 1.5                                 | 75   | 40 |

| Reading & Viewing: Comprehension & Literature                                   | 55            | 30  |
|---|---------------|-----|
| Writing & Presenting  | 35            | 20  |
| Language Structures and Conventions (this is also integrated into the 4 skills) | 15            | 10  |
| Total   | 180 (3 hours) | 100 |

#### 2.3 LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT MATERIALS

#### Each learner should have:

An approved language textbook

A reader/readers containing the following genre / text types:

Stories

Poetry

Information texts

Social texts

A dictionary or word list

Access to a range of reading material to accommodate different reading levels e.g. a selection of readers with sufficient copies of texts at each level in a class and school.

Texts for shared reading in Grade 4. These may be books or other enlarged texts or the prescribed textbook or readers.

#### The teacher should have:

A Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement

Language in Education Policy (LiEP)

The language textbook used by learners and other textbooks for resource purposes in addition to the approved text

A reader/readers containing the recommended genre / text types

Dictionaries and reference books (monolingual, bilingual and multilingual dictionaries; thesaurus; encyclopaedia, a good grammar reference book, etc.)

A Teacher's Resource File/Book: this may be a file made up of materials collected by the teacher or a commercially published Teacher's Guide

Access to reading material in a class, school and/or public library in order to guide learners' reading

Audio/visual aids

# SECTION 3: CONTENT AND TEACHING PLANS FOR LANGUAGE SKILLS

## 3.1 OVERVIEW OF SKILLS, CONTENT AND STRATEGIES

The following is an overview of the content, skills and strategies to be found in the teaching plans.

## Overview of content, skills and strategies table

| Skills                 | Grades 4-6   |   |  |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
|                        | Content  | Strategies and sub-skills   |  |
| Listening and Speaking | Listening comprehension Listening for information Pronunciation Listening for enjoyment Different forms of oral communication: Conversation Directions / instructions / procedures Story telling Role-play Group discussion Short poems and rhymes Language games Personal / factual recounts  Refer to Expressions used in conversational French - Reference list   | Listening process Pre-listening During listening Listening comprehension Recording main ideas by retelling, explaining Listen to and respond to simple questions Post- listening The speaking process Planning, researching and organising Practising and presenting  Communication for social purposes Simple conversations Turn taking conventions Encouraging use of the additional language Ask and respond to questions.  Recount events Informal presentation of familiar event Correct format, vocabulary, language and conventions  |  |
| Reading and viewing    | Recommended text types: Stories e.g. contemporary realistic fiction, traditional stories (myths and legends, folk tales, fables), adventure stories, picture stories with captions Poetry /Song Introductory Information texts e.g. procedures, factual recounts, Social texts e.g. invitations, greeting cards, letters Media texts e.g. advertisements, notices, pamphlets Visual texts: advertising (posters, | Reading and viewing process:  Use pre-reading, reading and post reading process and strategies: To understand the text For close reading of the text (reading comprehension) To demonstrate independent reading progressively (reading for pleasure, information and learning) Introduce learners to: Text features - titles, illustrations, headings, subheadings, numbering, captions, headlines, format. Text structures - lists, sequential order, description, procedures, main point and narrative sequence. Parts of a book - title page, table of contents, chapters, glossary, |  |

|   | pamphlets, advertisements), cartoon, comic strip, diagram / graph / table / charts / photographs / drawings Comprehension paragraphs Text for prepared reading aloud Texts for information   | etc.  Reading and viewing strategies  Rereading  Clarifying  Drawing conclusions / own opinion  Visual Literacy - (a familiar range of graphic and visual texts e.g. advertisements, notices, posters, comics, cartoons, photographs, pictures):  Reading of literary texts  Poetry/Song  Literal meaning  Message  Sound devices e.g. rhyme, rhythm, punctuation, repetition  Story  Storyline  Characters  Setting  Information and social texts  Audience and purpose  Prepared and unprepared reading (Reading aloud )  Use of tone, voice projection, pace, eye contact, posture and gestures  Pronounce words correctly |
|---|--|---|
| Writing and presenting                    | Word writing e.g. lists Sentence writing Paragraph writing  Text types  Creative writing Descriptive e.g. descriptions of people, places, animals, plants, objects, etc.  Narrative e.g. stories, personal recounts Picture stories Simple Dialogues  Transactional writing (social, functional, and information texts) Messages, greeting cards, invitations Posters, notices, advertisements Completing a simple form. | Pre-writing/planning Brainstorming of vocabulary and ideas in a group Organise ideas  Drafting Word choice Structuring sentences General ideas Reads own writing Gets feedback from teacher  Revising, editing, proofreading and presenting Revises: improves content and structure of ideas Refines word choice, sentence and paragraph structure Presents neat, legible final version   |
| Language<br>Structures and<br>Conventions | Working with words (Vocabulary design synonyms, antonyms, homonyms, programmer with sentences  | evelopment): use of dictionary, spelling, meaning, syllables, phonics, refixes, suffixes  |

Parts of speech, e.g. nouns, determiners, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, connectors

Sentence structure: simple, and complex sentences, command form, questions, statements,

Verb tenses

Concord: subject-verb concord

Word order

Negative forms

Direct and indirect speech

#### Language conventions

Introduce simple language rules

Punctuation

Spelling

Sounds

Refer to Language Structures and Conventions - Reference list

#### **Language Structures and Conventions - Reference list**

The following language structures will be taught in the context of Reading and Writing, and also as part of a systematic grammar programme. These structures need to be introduced progressively throughout the grades.

NB: The unique features of the language must be taken into consideration. As a result, only features applicable to a specific language should be given attention in the text below.

| language chould be given alternation in the text below. |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Nouns / Noms  | Countable nouns, e.g. un livre/des livres   |  |
|   | Number (singular and plural) e.g. la chaise/les chaises ; le chapeau/les chapeaux |  |
|   | Nouns with no change in spelling in the plural form e.g. <i>le pays/les pays</i>  |  |

Gender (masculine and feminine) e.g. la fille/ le garçon; la peur/le problème

Common (e.g. la femme) and proper nouns (e.g. Damien)

Abstract nouns e.g. l'amour, la paix, le respect

- \*\*Showing material e.g. Le complément du nom (en/de) + matière (un pain de savon, un pull en laine)
- \*\*Showing use, capacity e.g. le complément du nom (à/de) l'usage, la contenance (une boîte à bijoux, une barquette de fruits)

Showing possession e.g. le complément du nom avec "de" - l'appartenance

e.g. le pupitre de Lesego, les jouets des enfants

Collective nouns : e.g. un groupe de pèlerins, un tas de pierres, une rangée de meubles, une série d'exercices

## Determiners / déterminants

Indefinite article: un livre, une pomme

Definite article: <u>le livre, <u>la</u> chemise, <u>les pommes</u> Demonstrative adjectives: <u>ce. cet. cette. ces.</u></u>

Demonstrative pronouns : <u>celui-ci. celui-là. ceux-ci. ceux-là</u>

Partitive article : la quantité indéterminée: <u>du / de la / des ...</u>

L'article "zero" : être + profession e.g. *Il est ingénieur* 

Quantity 1 : la quantité déterminée e.g. un kilo de / beaucoup de

Quantity 2: comparaison (e.g. moins de / autant de)

#### Pronouns /

Personal pronouns as subject: je, tu, il/elle, nous, vous ils/elles e.g. Elle lit le roman.

| pronoms                     | Personal pronouns as direct or indirect object : pronoms COD et COI : me, te, nous, vous, le, la, les, lui, leur e.g. Elle me l'a donné.                                 |
|-----------------------------|--|
|                             | Reflexive pronouns: pronoms réfléchis : <i>me, te, se, nous, vous, se e.g ll s'est lavé</i> .  |
|                             | Relative pronouns: pronoms relatifs : qui, que, (e.g. L'homme <b>qui</b> regarde par la fenêtre est mon professeur.)   |
|                             | Interrogative pronouns: pronoms interrogatifs; où, quand, combien (e.g. <b>Quand allez-vous rentrer?</b> )   |
| Adjectives / adjectifs      | Position of adjectives: place et accord des adjectifs e.g. le <u>vieil</u> homme, la <u>vieille</u> église, le chien<br>intelligent                                      |
|                             | Comparison of adjectives e.g. bon, meilleur, le meilleur/ la meilleure / les meilleurs / les meilleures ; intelligent(e), plus intelligent(e), le/la plus intelligent(e) |
|                             | e.g. C'était la journée <u>la plus belle</u> de ma vie.  |
| Adverbs /                   | Adverbs of manner e.g. tranquillement, poliment, doucement, vite   |
| adverbes                    | Adverbs of time e.g. hier, demain, ensuit, enfin, premièrement, maintenant, ce matin   |
|                             | Adverbs of frequency e.g. toujours parfois, d'habitude, quelquefois, jamais, souvent   |
|                             | Adverbs of probability e.g. certainement, absolument, peut-être, eventuellement  |
|                             | Adverbs of duration e.g. toujours, encore, plus, pendant, depuis, dans, il y a   |
|                             | Adverbs of degree e.g. très, trop, assez, complètement   |
|                             | Adverbs of place e.g. près, loin, à côté, en face  |
|                             | Adverbs of cause, consequence, opposition e.g. donc, puisque, comme, alors, pourtant   |
| Prepositions /              | Place and direction e.g. au-dessous, au-dessus, sur, sous, à, entre, derrière  |
| prépositions                | Adjective + preposition e.g. peur de, honte de, fâché contre, intéressé à  |
|                             | Noun + preposition e.g. invitation à, décision de, raison pour, difficile de, facile à   |
| Interjections               | Exclamations e.g. Ah! Ben! Ouf! Bof! Aie!  |
|                             | La phrase exclamative : quel, que, comme! e.g. Quelle insolence!   |
| Conjunctions / Conjonctions | Coordinating conjunctions : e.g. mais, et, ou ou, soit soit  |
| Verbs / verbes              | Transitive and intransitive verbs e.g. Il a acheté un stylo. / La jeune fille est partie.  |
| Verb tenses /               | Simple present tense e.g. Je <u>ioue</u> au tennis. / Les jeunes <u>adorent</u> les portraits numériques.  |
| les temps                   | Progressive present : être en train de + infinitive e.g. Elle est en train d'apprendre le français.  |
| verbaux                     | Present tense with DEPUIS e.g. <i>J'habite</i> à <i>Durban depuis mon enfance</i> .  |
|                             | Expressing future time:  |
|                             | Going to + infinitive (Futur proche) e.g. <i>Ils</i> <b>vont voir</b> leurs cousins./Je crois qu'll <b>va pleuvoir</b> demain.   |
|                             | La concordance des temps : l'antériorité, la simultanéité, la postériorité   |
| Concord / accord            | Subject-verb concord e.g. Il vient d'arriver. / Je pars demain. / J'allais à l'école. / Ils allaient au travail.   |
| Modals /                    | To express ability/inability e.g Il peut résoudre le problème.   |
| modalisation                | To express permission e.g. Puis-je aller aux toilettes?  |
|                             | To express instructions/requests: e.g. Pouvez-vous ouvrir la fenêtre, s'll vous plaît?   |
|                             | To express possibility/impossibility e.g. Cela peut causer des soucis. / Elle ne peut pas le savoir.   |
|                             | To express probability/improbability e.g. <i>devoir</i> , <i>pouvoir</i> + <i>infinitif</i> / Nous devons arriver avant 22h00.   |
|                             |  |

|   | To express certainty e.g. <i>Ils ont certainement dû oublier / Je suis certain de sa bonne foi/Je n'ai aucun doute.</i>   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Conditional<br>sentences /<br>hypothèses  | First conditional to express a real possibility e.g. <i>S'il pleut, nous n'allons pas à la piscine.</i> Second conditional to express something that is unlikely or improbable e.g. <i>Si je gagnais au loto, j'irais sur la lune.</i> Third conditional to express something that is hypothetical, regret e.g. <i>Si j'avais étudié plus assidûment, j'aurais réussi mon Matric.</i>   |  |  |
|   | Present tense:  e.g. La porte est fermée à clé chaque soir à 18h00.  e.g. Il est aimé par sa femme.  e.g. La porte est fermée en ce moment.  Progressive present : être en train de + infinitive e.g. La porte est en train d'être fermée.  Past perfect tense e.g. Un nouveau supermarché a été ouvert cette année.  Simple past tense e.g. La bibliothèque était ouverte pendant les vacances.  Future time e.g. L'année prochaine notre nouvelle bibliothèque va être construite/sera construite.  Subjonctif e.g. Je veux que la tarte soit faite par Anne. |  |  |
| Reported speech   | Reported questions e.g. Elle m'a demandé pourquoi j'étais si en retard./ll m'a demandé quel type de<br>musique j'aimais.<br>Subordinate clauses: e.g. Elle a dit qu'elle ne savait pas./ll m'a dit qu'il avait perdu le livre.  |  |  |
| Sentence<br>structures  | Statement e.g. Oui, il va au cinéma  Questions e.g. Il va au cinéma ? Est-ce qu'il va au cinéma ?  Negatives e.g Il ne va pas au cinéma.  Command / imperative e.g Allons au cinéma ! Ne fais pas cela !  |  |  |
| Spelling / orthographe  | Spelling patterns, spelling rules and conventions, abbreviations, acronyms  Begins to recognise basic reported speech.  |  |  |
| Vocabulary development and figurative language / développement du lexique et de la langue figurée | Idiomatic expressions/idioms/proverbs   |  |  |
| Punctuation / ponctuation   | Hyphen, colon, semi-colon, apostrophe, quotation marks, parentheses, ellipses, exclamation mark, question mark, comma   |  |  |
| Connectors /  | Logical connectors to link sentences in a paragraph:  |  |  |

articulateurs logiques addition: e.g. et, mais, parce que

sequence in time: e.g. ensuite, après, bientôt, puis, avant, plus tard, soudainement

ordering ideas: e.g. d'abord, premièrement, deuxièmement, enfin

cause/effect: e.g. parce que, donc

#### 3.2 EXPRESSIONS USED IN CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH - REFERENCE LIST

#### **ASKING PERMISSION/ REQUESTS**

- Est-ce que je peux...?
- Est-ce que je pourrais...?
- Serait-il possible pour moi de...?
- Est-ce que ça va si...?
- Est-ce que ça irait si...?
- Ça t'ennuie si je... ?Ça vous ennuie si je... ?
- S'il te plaît, laisse-moi...
   S'il vous plaît, laissez-moi...
- Serais-tu d'accord de...?
   Seriez-vous d'accord de...?

#### **INTERRUPTING**

- Excuse-moi, est-ce que je peux...? Excusez-moi, pourrais-je...?
- Pardon, tu penses que je peux...?
   Pardon, pensez-vous que je puisse...?
- Excuse-moi, tu connais...?

  Excusez-moi, connaissez-vous...?
- Excuse-moi, tu peux m'aider ?
   Excusez-moi, pourriez-vous m'aider ?

## **OFFERING HELP**

- Puis-je vous aider ?
- Est-ce que je peux t'aider?
   Est-ce que je peux vous aider?
- Tu cherches quelque chose?
   Vous cherchez quelque chose?
- Tu veux de l'aide?
   Vous voulez de l'aide?
- Tu as besoin d'aide?Vous avez besoin d'aide?
- Qu'est-ce que je peux faire pour toi aujourd'hui?
   Que puis-je faire pour vous aujourd'hui?

#### **SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

- Peux-tu m'aider à...?
   Pouvez-vous m'aider à...?
- Pourrais-tu m'aider à...?
   Pourriez-vous m'aider à...?
- J'ai besoin d'aide pour...
- Veuillez m'aider à...
- Peux-tu me donner un coup de main pour...
   Pourriez-vous me donner un coup de main pour...

#### **APOLOGISING**

- Désolé(e).
- Je suis désolé(e) de...
- Je regrette de...
- S'il te plaît, pardonne-moi de...
   S'il vous plaît, pardonnez-moi de...

## COMPLAINING

- Je suis désolée de devoir te dire ça, mais...
   Je suis désolée de devoir vous dire cela, mais...
- Excuse-moi de te déranger, mais...
   Excusez-moi de vous déranger, mais...
- Il est possible que tu aies oublié de...
   Il est possible que vous ayez oublié de...
- Je pense que tu as peut-être oublié de...

- Je m'excuse de...
- Pardonne-moi.
   Pardonnez-moi.
- Excuse-moi.
   Excusez-moi.
- Je te demande pardon.
   Je vous demande pardon.

Je pense que vous avez peut-être oublié de...

- Excuse-moi si c'est déplacé, mais...
   Excusez-moi si c'est déplacé, mais...
- Il y a pu y avoir un malentendu au sujet de...
- Qu'on ne se méprenne pas, ...

#### **GIVING ADVICE**

- Je ne pense pas que tu devrais... Je ne pense pas que vous devriez...
- Tu devrais...
   Vous devriez...
- Tu ne devrais pas...
   Vous ne devriez pas...
- Si j'étais toi, je...
   Si j'étais vous, je...
- Si j'étais dans ta position, je...
   Si j'étais dans votre position, je...
- Si j'étais à ta place, je...
  - Si j'étais à votre place, je...
- Tu aurais mieux fait de...
   Vous auriez mieux fait de...
- II ne faudrait pas que tu...
   II ne faudrait pas que vous...
- Quoique tu fasses, ne ... pas ...

#### STATING A PREFERENCE

- Est-ce que tu voudrais...? Voulez-vous...?
- Je préférerais...
- Pourquoi on ne...
- Et bien, je préférerais... Tu en penses quoi?
   Et bien, je préférerais... Qu'en pensez-vous?
- Qu'est-ce que tu penses qu'on devrait faire?
   Que pensez-vous qu'on devrait faire?
- Si cela ne tenait qu'à moi, je...
- Je pense qu'on devrait...

#### **GUESSING, INFERRING**

- Je dirais qu'il est presque prêt à ...
- Cela manque peut-être de ...
- Il pourrait être...
- On dirait que...
- Il a peut-être besoin de...
- Peut-être qu'ils veulent...
- C'est difficile à dire, mais j'imagine que...
- Je ne suis pas trop sûr(e), mais je pense que...

## GIVING IMPRECISE INFORMATION

- Il y a environ...
- Il y a approximativement...
- Il y a un grand nombre de...
- ... prévoie(nt) jusqu'à...
- C'est un peu...
- C'est le type de...
- Ils sont du genre à...
- C'est difficile à dire, mais je dirais...
- Je ne suis pas trop sûr(e), mais je pense...

| SAYING GOODBYE Long trips, vacations, short outings  Bon voyage.  Passe de bonnes vacances. Passez de bonnes vacances.  Fais bon voyage. Faites bon voyage.  Profite bien de tes vacances. Profitez bien de vos vacances. | Ça a bien marché / c'était efficace parce que      J'ai fait ça bien parce que      Cela aurait été mieux si j'avais      Cela pourrait être amélioré en      Les progrès sont / ne sont pas évidents parce que |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>Profite! Profitez!</li> <li>Amuse-toi bien à (destination place such as a restaurant OR city)</li> </ul>   |   |
| <ul> <li>GREETING AFTER A TRIP</li> <li>Comment se sont passées tes vacances à?</li> <li>Ça t'a plu à (destination)? Ça vous a plu à?</li> <li>Comment s'est passé le voyage / le vol?</li> </ul>                         |   |

## 3.3 SPREADS OF TEXTS ACROSS GRADES 4-6

A variety of texts have been selected for each two-week period. The key texts are captured below. Learners will engage with some or all of the texts in a two-week period, that is, they will listen to or present orally or read or write.

## Spread of texts table

|       | Grade 4  | Grade 5   | Grade 6  |
|-------|--|---|--|
| Weeks | Term 1   |   |  |
| 1 - 2 | Story  | Story   | Story; language game   |
| 3 - 4 | Information text e.g. narrative recount, map,  | Information text with visuals e.g. maps/pictures/ conversation; narrative recount | Information text: descriptive account; media text e.g. advert              |
| 5 - 6 | Story and descriptions of people or characters | Story, role-play, description of people; invitation; message                      | Story  |
| 7 - 8 | Information text : instructions,               | Information text: instructions; language game                                     | Information text with visuals e.g. maps/pictures instructions; definitions |

| 9 - 10        | Song, poem  | Poem; song   | Poem; Song description of a person; description of an object/animal/plant/place; language game                           |
|---------------|---|--|--|
| Weeks         | Term 2  |  |  |
| 11 - 12       | Story   | Story  | Story and message, conversation  |
| 13 - 14       | Information text with visuals e.g. pictures; poster; directions, description of an object             | Information text with visuals e.g. maps/pictures; descriptions of object/s/ plants/animals/places                  | Information text e.g. description of object/animal/ plant/place; visual text e.g. pictures /maps /photographs            |
| 15 - 16       | Personal recount  | Personal recount   | Story, personal recount; role play   |
| 17- 18        | Procedures, instructions information text with visuals e.g. pictures/ maps/photographs                | Information text: instructions; factual account  | Reads information text with visuals e.g. timetables and television schedules/ maps/ pictures; definitions; language game |
| 19 - 20       | FORMAL ASSESSMENT   |  |  |
| Weeks         | Term 3  |  |  |
| 21- 22        | Story, description of person/animal/character, dialogue   | Story; oral description of places/people; personal recount   | Story; oral descriptions of places/animals/<br>plants / objects  |
| 23 - 24       | Information text e.g. factual recount audio-visual text e.g. poster/ notices; conversation            | Information text with visuals e.g. maps/pictures   | Information text with visuals e.g. /maps/pictures/ talk;   |
| 25 - 26       | Story; poem   | Story; poem  | Story; poem  |
| 27- 28        | Information text with visuals e.g. pictures; descriptions of places/plants/animals/objects procedures | Information text -; conversation;<br>language game; descriptions of<br>places/plants/animals/objects<br>procedures | Information texts -language game; mind map descriptions of places/plants/animals/objects procedures                      |
| <b>29-3</b> 0 | role-play; dialogue;  | conversation; dialogue   | conversation; dialogue   |
| Weeks         | Term 4  |  |  |

| 31- 32  | Conversation, language game; story  | Story, language game; personal recount                         | Story; conversation; dialogue                          |
|---------|---|--|--|
| 33 - 34 | Information text with visuals e.g. pictures; visual text e.g. posters/notices; messages | Information text: factual text; poster                         | information text talk; language game; definitions;     |
| 35 - 36 | Story, language game  | Story, poem, personal recount                                  | Story, poem  |
| 37 - 38 | Conversation; talk; Information text; visual text e.g. poster/notice                    | Information text, conversation; poster; visual text e.g. chart | Information text and visual text poster; advertisement |
| 39 - 40 | FORMAL ASSESSMENT   |  | •  |

## 3.3.1 Summary of text types across the phase

The tables below describe the range of text types that learners should be taught to write in Grades 4-6; other texts could also be included where appropriate. Some of these texts are not included in the teaching plan tables. This does not mean that they should not form part of teaching and learning as they are equally important.

| Text type         | Language structures found in each text type                                    |
|-------------------|--|
| Personal recounts | Descriptive language, e.g. adjectives, adverbs                                 |
|                   | Verb tenses, e.g. past tense (passé composé, imparfait)                        |
|                   | Time words to connect events, e.g. adverbs of time                             |
|                   | Words which tell us where, when, with whom, how (où, quand, avec qui, comment) |
|                   | Simple Sentences   |
|                   | Connectors, e.g. puis, bientôt, après, ensuite, etc.                           |
|                   | Direct and Indirect Speech   |
|                   | Nouns and pronouns   |
| Factual recounts  | Adverbs and Adverbial phrases  |
|                   | Nouns and pronouns   |
|                   | Prepositions   |
|                   | Verb tenses, e.g. past tense (passé composé, imparfait)                        |
|                   | Verbs  |
| Story and plays   | Action words, e.g. verbs   |
|                   | Adverbs to describe actions  |
|                   | Adjectives to describe characters and setting                                  |

| Text type         | Language structures found in each text type   |  |
|-------------------|---|--|
|                   | Simple and complex sentences  |  |
|                   | Connectors (especially time words) for showing sequence of events, e.g. puis, bientôt, après, |  |
|                   | ensuite, etc  |  |
|                   | Direct and Indirect Speech  |  |
|                   | A range of verb tenses especially past tense (passé composé, imparfait)                       |  |
|                   | Punctuation, e.g. colon, exclamation marks, question marks                                    |  |
| Poems             | Figurative language, e.g. personification, simile, metaphor, etc.                             |  |
|                   | Nouns   |  |
|                   | Adjectives  |  |
|                   | Pronouns  |  |
|                   | Adverbs   |  |
|                   | Prepositions  |  |
|                   | Simple sentences  |  |
| Procedures/       | Verbs often at the beginning of each instruction  |  |
| Instructions/     | Command form of the verb  |  |
| Directions        | Adverbs   |  |
|                   | Words which tell us how, when, where, with whom (comment, quand, où, avec qui,)               |  |
|                   | Connectors to show the sequence in steps, e.g. puis, bientôt, après, ensuite, etc.            |  |
|                   | Prepositions  |  |
|                   | Verb tenses, e.g. present tense ( <i>présent</i> )  |  |
|                   | Determiners   |  |
| Conversations     | Verbs   |  |
| Conversations     | Prepositions  |  |
|                   | Pronouns  |  |
|                   | Sentence structures, e.g. <i>questions</i>  |  |
|                   | Verb tenses, e.g. present ( <i>présent</i> ), past ( <i>passé composé, imparfait</i> )        |  |
|                   |   |  |
| Information texts | Nouns   |  |
|                   | Verb tenses, e.g. present ( <i>présent</i> )  |  |
|                   | Verbs   |  |
|                   | Adjectives  |  |
|                   | Prepositions  |  |
|                   | Determiners   |  |
|                   | Pronouns  |  |

| Text type    | Language structures found in each text type  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
|              | Vocabulary development, e.g. vocabulary for comparing, contrasting relationships  Punctuation, e.g. comma  |  |
| Definitions  | Verb tenses, e.g. present ( <i>présent</i> )  Nouns  Adjectives  Determiners   |  |
| Descriptions | Verb tenses, e.g. present ( <i>présent</i> ), past tenses ( <i>passé composé, imparfait</i> )  Nouns  Adjectives used to give details  Determiners |  |

| Grade 4   | Grade 5  | Grade 6  |
|---|--|--|
|   | INFORMATION  |  |
| Narrative and descriptive recounts e.g. news, stories, description of something - based on fact  General knowledge texts  Media texts such as radio announcements  Instructions such as instructions for experiments, rules of games, directions  Visual texts: maps, photographs, pictures | Factual /narrative/descriptive recounts e.g. news stories, description of something - based on fact General knowledge texts Information texts Media texts e.g. radio announcements Instructions such as instructions for experiments, rules of games, directions Visual texts: photographs, pictures | Explanations such as reference books, dictionaries, definitions, texts from other subjects  Factual recounts such as news reports (headline, explain the headline, body comment), eye-witness accounts  Information texts  Media texts: advertisements, posters, magazine articles  Instructions such as instructions for experiments, rules of games, directions  Visual texts: maps, photographs, pictures |
|   | LITERARY   |  |
| Narratives: contemporary realistic fiction, myths and legends, fables, fantasy, adventure, funny, real life stories.  Personal recounts such as oral anecdotes (events in order), diary entries  Poem, play, role play  | Narratives e.g. contemporary realistic fiction, myths and legends, fables, fantasy, adventure, funny, real life stories, historical fiction  Personal recounts such as oral anecdotes (sets the scene, events in order), diary entries  Poem, play, role play  | Narratives such contemporary realistic fiction, myths and legends, fables, fantasy, adventure, funny, real life stories, historical fiction, science fiction, narrative poems  Personal recounts such as. oral anecdotes (sets the scene, events in order, personal comment), diary entries, autobiographies  Poem, play, role play  |

| SOCIAL/FUNCTIONAL   |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Conversations e.g. making enquiries, giving information about family  Short social texts: greeting cards, | Conversations: making requests, explaining, giving information about community | Conversations: making requests, explaining, giving information about community |  |
| notes, messages   | Short social texts: notices, messages  | Short social/functional texts: notices, messages                               |  |

## 3.3.2 Length of Texts for Second Additional Language (to be produced by learners)

| Text   | Grade 4                       | Grade 5                          | Grade 6                       |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Paragraph  | 40.00                         |                                  |                               |
| Words<br>Sentences   | 10 - 20 words 3 - 4 sentences | 20 - 30 words<br>4 - 6 sentences | 30 - 40 words 6 - 8 sentences |
| Oral creative texts e.g.   | 3 4 semences                  | 4 0 semenous                     | o o semenoes                  |
| recounts, retelling or telling stories                                 | 3 min                         | 3 min                            | 3-4 min                       |
| Written creative and information texts e.g. recounts, stories, reports | 20 words<br>1 paragraph       | 30 words<br>1 paragraph          | 40 words<br>2 paragraphs      |
| Shorter texts, e.g. Messages, notes descriptions                       | 10 - 20 words                 | 20 - 30 words                    | 30 - 40 words                 |

## 3.3.3 Length of Texts for Second Additional Language (for learners to engage with)

| Task  | Grade 4                | Grade 5                | Grade 6                |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Longer listening<br>comprehension texts e.g.<br>story, interviews, plays,<br>news reports | 100-150 / up to 5 mins | 150-200 / up to 5 mins | 200-250 / up to 5 mins |
| Shorter listening comprehension texts e.g. announcements,                                 | 50-60 words / 1-2 mins | 60-70 words / 1-2 mins | 70-80 words / 1-2 mins |

| information texts, instructions, directions   |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Reading comprehension/intensive reading texts | 100-150 words | 150-200 words | 200-250 words |

## 3.3.4 Vocabulary to be attained by Second Additional Language learners

|                                | Term    | 1                    | 2                    | 3                    | 4                    |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Vocabulary                     | Grade 4 | 20 - 30              | 30 - 40              | 40 - 50              | 50 - 60              |
| Common spoken words            | Grade 5 | 60 - 70              | 70 - 80              | 80 - 90              | 90 - 100             |
|                                | Grade 6 | 100 - 110            | 110 - 120            | 120 - 130            | 130 - 150            |
| Reading vocabulary (new words) | Grade 4 | 30 - 50<br>(10 - 20) |
| wordsy                         | Grade 5 | 50 - 80              | 50 - 80              | 50 - 80              | 50 - 80              |
|                                | Grade 6 | 80 - 100             | 80 - 100             | 80 - 100             | 80 - 100             |

#### 3.4 TEACHING PLANS

The teaching plan indicates the minimum content to be covered per term. The sequence of the content listed in a two-week cycle is not prescribed and the time given is an approximate indication of how long it should take to cover the content. Teachers should design their teaching plans / work schedules using their textbooks to teach the content per two-week cycle using appropriate sequence and pace. The content given in a two-week cycle are key texts/activities with the main skills and strategies learners need to develop.

#### 3.4.1 How texts link together in the two-week cycle

Different texts have been used as a basis for designing the two-week teaching cycle. They have been selected on the basis of how they link together to form an integrated unit, for example learners will listen to a story and then read a story. They will be asked to write a short oral description of a place or person (that will link to the story) or they might be asked to write a message about the story. Select a theme for each two-week cycle that will enable the teacher to link the activities successfully. The reason for using themes is to make it possible to constantly recycle vocabulary and language structures in meaningful contexts. In practice, integration suggests variety: variety of forms, of activities, of texts and themes (see Suggested Themes - Reference List below)

## 3.4.2 How the texts/activities are sequenced across the two-week cycle

The texts do not have to be taught in a particular order. In most cases, there should be a Listening and Speaking

activity/text to prepare for the reading or writing activity. Sometimes, the Listening and Speaking activity should derive from the reading text. Learners should engage with the different kinds of texts orally and in reading before they are asked to write these texts. In most cases, the text to be listened to e.g. a story will be different to and at a higher level than the one that learners will read. This is because their listening skills are more developed than their reading skills.

#### 3.4.3 The type of texts prescribed and recommended

There are prescribed text types that are to be taught in every two-week cycle. These are specified in the teaching plan and should be contained in the prescribed textbook. In most cases, no specific story type is prescribed. Choices may be made from the variety of contemporary stories, imaginative stories (e.g. adventure, and traditional stories (e.g. myths, legends and fables) that are available. The same is true of poems and songs.

In all cases, this additional reading should relate to the topics and themes chosen for the prescribed texts in that two-week cycle. This is very important as it consolidates the Second Additional Language learner's knowledge and understanding of the vocabulary and concepts related to the topic.

#### 3.4.4 Number of key texts in a two-week cycle

In the early part of the year, there is usually only one text type or activity per two-week cycle. There will sometimes be two text types or activities per two-week cycle. Teach these text types and the related activities bearing in mind that learners will be exposed to them numerous times during the course of the year.

#### 3.4.5 How the Language Structures and Conventions are addressed

The content of the "Language Structures and Conventions" section is derived from the types of texts prescribed under the headings Listening and Speaking, Reading, and Writing and will naturally be given attention in the process of engaging with the texts and during the time allocated for Listening and Speaking, Reading and Writing. For example, if a story is being done, learners will naturally use the simple past tense and will read texts using this tense. However, it is also important that activities be developed that focus on particular language structures, in context. Choose items from the "Language Structure and Conventions" section to give learners additional practice in these aspects. Construct activities that are meaningful to learners and that relate to the texts they are studying in the two-week cycle. More activities of this nature should be done as learners make progress from Grade 4 to 6. Select very carefully which rules to be explained to learners and keep these to a minimum. Second Additional Language learners learn a language through constant exposure to it and through using to it. Practice in Language Structures and Conventions will refine these skills. Teaching should integrate all the language skills and language structures as they are interrelated. All of these should be taught in context.

| Suggested Themes - Reference List |                     |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Animals                           | House               |  |  |
| Body                              | Likes and dislikes  |  |  |
| Clothes                           | Music               |  |  |
| Colours                           | Nature/environment  |  |  |
| Days and Months                   | Places              |  |  |
| Emotions                          | School              |  |  |
| Family                            | Sport               |  |  |
| Food                              | Time                |  |  |
| Greetings                         | Transport           |  |  |
| Hobbies                           | Weather and seasons |  |  |

## 3.5 CONTENT AND TEACHING PLANS FOR FRENCH SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

## 3.5.1 GRADE 4

## **GRADE 4**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|--|---|---|
| 1-2   | Listening and Speaking  Basic conversation in target language (e.g. greetings)  Answers simple questions Names characters in the story Code switches if necessary  Practises Listening and Speaking Emphasize the practice of phonics | Reading  Reads words based on written conversation Answers basic questions about the text Expresses feelings about the text Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Spells five words from read text | Introduce script Writes basic words Writes words about the story        | Working with words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words - e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Builds on knowledge of sight words Working with words Understands and uses words in context Vocabulary in context |
| 3-4   | Listening and Speaking Conversation in target language (e.g. communication in the classroom) Answers questions Discusses new vocabulary Code switches if necessary  | Reading Reads words based on conversation  | Writing Introduce script Writes basic words Uses appropriate vocabulary | Working with words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Builds on knowledge of sight words Vocabulary in context  |
| 5-6   | Listens to a story  | Reading  | Introduce script  | Working with words  |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|---|--|
|       | Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/real life stories  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File  Answers simple questions  Names characters in the story correctly  Uses words to express feelings about the story  Code switches if necessary                                     | Reads an extract from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File Mixing and matching words about the story with support  Expresses feelings about the story Answers questions about the text  Practises reading  Reads aloud: introduce the idea of appropriate pronunciation and expression   | Writes about a story Writes words or phrases about the story Writes own words to expresses feelings about the story  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or words using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.   | Breaks words into syllables, e.g. gar-çon; a-ni-mal Words starting with selected letters  Working with sentences Builds on use of subject verb concord e.g. Tu aimes / Les filles aiment Uses regular forms of the verb e.g. je marche, tu marches   |
| 7-8   | Listens to and carries out basic instructions e.g. recipe/instructions for making or doing something  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Answers questions Listens and responds appropriately  Gives simple instructions Uses correct specific details Uses correct sequence  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment | Reads basic procedural (instructions)texts e.g. recipe/instructions for making or doing something Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading and discussion: predicts from title and pictures Answers questions about the text Discusses sequence of instructions Follows the instructions  Practises reading Reads aloud: introduce the idea of | Introduce script  Writes simple instructions using a frame  Number the instructions  Uses the right sequence (rearrange in correct order)  Writes the instructions/words using a frame  Corrects spelling using a dictionary  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary  Uses drawings or words to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Working with sentences Uses the command form. Understands and uses negative forms Uses tenses e.g. J'ai fini. Introduces uses of singular and plural correctly Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---|--|---|
|       | (choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Responds physically to instructions Plays a language game Emphasize the practice of phonics   | appropriate pronunciation and expression  |  | read texts  |
| 9-10  | Listens to a song/simple poem  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Discusses central idea Relates to own experience Code switches if necessary Identifies words which begin with the same sound Expresses feelings stimulated by the text Performs song/selected lines  Plays a language game Follows instructions correctly Uses vocabulary  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment | Reads a simple poem/s  Text from the textbook or Teacher's  Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures  Uses reading strategies e.g. prediction, looks at pictures carefully, uses contextual clues  Answers questions about text  Identifies rhythm and rhyme  Breaks up words into syllables  Expresses feelings stimulated by the text  Reads and solves a word puzzle(for enrichment)  Spells words correctly  Shows understanding of meanings of words | Introduce script Writes 2-3 sentences about the selected poem in a frame Writes simple phrases Practises writing for enrichment Writes words that begin with the same sound e.g. Charles / choisit Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences/phrases /words using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Words belonging to the same lexical field e.g. une couverture and une page belong to the lexical field un livre  Working with sentences Uses question marks Uses exclamation marks  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
|       | (choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song   | Practises reading   |  |   |

## TERM 1

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting | Language Structures and Conventions |
|-------|--|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|       | Responds physically to instructions Plays a simple language game Emphasize the practice of phonics | Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, rhythm and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Expresses basic emotional response (likes and dislikes) to texts read. |                        |                                     |

## **GRADE 4**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|---|---|
| 1-2   | Listens to a story  Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/ adventure/real life stories  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading and discussion: predicting from title and pictures answers questions about the story Identifies setting and character | Introduce script  Writes a short message Chooses appropriate content Addresses text to a person Ends with own name  Records words and their meanings in a | Working with words  Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look.  Builds on knowledge of sight words and high frequency words  Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
|       | Predicts what will happen next Answers simple questions Names characters in the story correctly  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Responds physically to instructions Plays a simple language game Emphasize the practice of phonics  | Does comprehension activity on the text (oral) Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Uses a dictionary Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, expression and tempo   | personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences/phrases using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.   | in a dictionary.  Singular and Plural examples Uses the gender forms of some nouns e.g. un chien / une chienne  Working with sentences Builds on use of proper nouns  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts  |
| 3-4   | Listens to information text e.g. simple topics e.g. Communication at the garage or supermarket  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Identifies specific details Relates to personal experience/ Code switches if necessary Listens to and responds to simple oral conversation/instructions / description  Follows the instructions/ description | Reads information text with visuals e.g. /pictures/maps/drawings and photographs  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading and discussion: predicting from title and pictures/visuals Asks and answers simple questions Discusses main idea Interprets the information in the visuals  Reads a visual text e.g. a poster | Writes information text with support (in a frame) Fills in missing words in a written text/summary Uses appropriate vocabulary Uses some new words from the read text Designs a visual text e.g. a poster advertising an event Introduce script Selects appropriate information Uses the correct format Uses basic features such as colour and | Working with words Introduces plurals Words with long vowel sounds Working with sentences Understands and uses the possessive form of the noun e.g. les yeux de Sylvie Revises un/une/des and le/la/l'/les with nouns. Introduces tenses Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|---|---|
|       | Shows understanding of vocabulary relating to conversation / instructions / description  Listens to a description and describes an object Identifies the object described correctly Uses words that correctly describe the object Uses some new words Uses adjectives  Practises Listening and Speaking (choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Responds physically to instructions Plays a simple language game Emphasize the practice of phonics | advertising an event Pre-reading: discusses pictures Interprets the information Discusses the purpose of the text Discusses some of the language used Identifies and discusses design features such as colour and different sizes or kinds of print (font) | different sizes or kinds of print (font)  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary  Uses drawings or sentences/phrases using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Synonyms (words that are similar in meaning e.g. un ami / un copain)  |
| 5-6   | Listens to a story  Choose from traditional stories/personal accounts/ adventure/real life stories  Text from the textbook or Teacher's  Resource File (TRF)   | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or Teacher's  Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading and discussion: predicting from title and pictures  | Writes a short message/notes Chooses appropriate content Addresses text to a person Ends with own name Records words and their meanings in a  | Working with words Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary. Reinforce singular and plural examples Uses the gender forms of some nouns |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---|--|---|
|       | Predicts what will happen next Answers simple questions Names characters in the story Identifies characters from oral descriptions  Practises Listening and Speaking (choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Responds physically to instructions Plays a simple language game Emphasize the practice of phonics     | Answers questions about the story Introduces setting and character  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral) Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Uses a dictionary  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, expression and tempo                              | personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences/phrases using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.   | e.g. un chien / une chienne  Working with sentences Builds on use of proper nouns Introduce verbs Uses different types of adjectives Builds on understanding and uses tenses Builds on use of subject verb concord  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts                            |
| 7-8   | Listens to and carries out basic instructions e.g. recipe/instructions for making or doing something  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Discusses specific details of text  Asks questions to obtain information  Listens and responds appropriately  Gives instructions (at least two steps)  Uses appropriate vocabulary | Reads basic procedural (instructions) text e.g. a recipe/instructions for doing or making something Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with discussion: predicting from title and pictures Discusses specific details of text Discusses sequence of instructions | Introduce script  Writes about a procedure with support  Text from the textbook or Teacher's  Resource File (TRF)  Fills details into a frame  Uses specific details  Stays on topic in a frame  Uses appropriate grammar, spelling and punctuation  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary | Working with words Words with long and double vowel sounds: Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Builds on knowledge of sight words and high frequency words  Working with sentences Uses the command form of the verb e.g. Arrête! |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---------------------|---|---|
|       | Introduces the uses of verbs Gives instructions in the correct sequence  Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Responds physically to instructions Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Emphasize the practice of phonics |                     | Labels and/or completes a visual text e.g. drawing/pictures/cartoons/maps/photographs Listens /reads information / includes specific details Uses appropriate vocabulary Writes labels in correct place Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences/phrases /words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Vocabulary in context Antonyms (words that are opposite in meaning e.g. grand/petit) Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 9-10  |  | FORMAL ASSESSMENT   |   |   |

| GRADE 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
|         | TERM 3   |  |  |  |  |
| Weeks   | Weeks Listening and Speaking (ORAL) Reading and viewing Writing and Presenting Language Structures and Conventions |  |  |  |  |

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|-------|--|---|--|---|
| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
| 1-2   | Listens to information text e.g. simple topics e.g. My family  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Identifies specific details Relates to personal experience Code switches if necessary  Listens to and responds to simple oral description  Follows the description  Shows understanding of vocabulary relating to description  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice)  Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song  Plays a simple language game  Gives and follows simple instructions/ directions  Tells own news | Reads information text with visuals e.g. pictures/maps/drawings and photographs  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading and discussion: predicting from title and pictures/visuals Asks and answers simple questions Discusses main idea Interprets the information in the visuals  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral)  Reads a simple text. Discusses main ideas Responds to simple questions  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, expression and tempo | Introduce script  Labels and/or completes a visual text e.g. drawing /pictures / cartoons / maps / photographs Listens /read information Includes specific details Uses appropriate vocabulary Writes labels in correct place  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences/words/ phrases to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Builds on knowledge of sight words and high frequency words Breaks long words into smaller chunks e.g. gar-çon; a-ni-mal Builds on the use of singular and plural forms of nouns  Working with sentences Builds on use of personal pronouns (je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils) Reinforces connectors Builds on use of demonstrative adjectives (ce, cet, cette, ces)  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| 3-4   | Participates in short conversation on a familiar topic Takes turns Stays on topic Asks relevant questions  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions/ directions Tells own news Retells a story heard or read Emphasize the practice of phonics | Reads information text e.g. a short text / story / poem / song  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading and discussion: predicts from title and pictures Answers simple questions e.g.  What? Who? When? Introduce complex questions Why? How do you think?  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral)  Practises reading Reads aloud striving for appropriate pronunciation, expression and tempo | Introduce script Write short information text with support Fills in missing words in a written summary/text Uses appropriate vocabulary Uses some new words from the read text Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary. Reinforces words starting with selected letters  Working with sentences Uses nouns and plurals Revises un/une/des and le/la/l'/les with nouns. Begins to use determiners such as un, deux, etc. and premier, deuxième, dernier, etc.  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 5-6   | Listens to information contained in a poster Identifies specific details Listens and relates to own experience Discusses information own words Code switching Listens to a poem/s/song for  | Reads information contained in a poster Reads visual text e.g. poster Pre-reading: discusses pictures Discusses what the text is about Identifies specific information Understands the information  | Introduce script  Designs and produces a visual text e.g. poster or notice Uses the correct format Selects appropriate information Uses basic design features such as colour and different sizes or kinds of  | Working with words Words starting with selected letters Working with sentences Understands and uses countable nouns e.g. un livre - des livres Builds on use of adjectives before nouns e.g. le petit chien   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|---|---|--|
|       | enrichment Discusses what the poem is about Relates to own experience Identifies rhyme and rhythm Identifies words which begin with the same sound Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem Performs poem/selected lines Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment Practises using words that imitate their sounds e.g. bees buzz, glass tinkles Emphasize the practice of phonics | Discusses the purpose of the text Discusses some of the language used Identifies and discusses basic design features such as colour and different sizes or kinds of print (font)  Reads a poem/s/song for enrichment Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures  Uses reading strategies with support e.g. prediction, looks at pictures or text carefully, uses contextual clues Identifies rhythm and rhyme Breaks up words into syllables Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, expression and tempo | print (font)  Writes sentences Uses appropriate vocabulary Uses knowledge of syllables to develop new words  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Uses the verbs être and avoir Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|---|--|--|
| 7-8   | Listens to information text e.g. factual recount / narrative  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Listens to description of and describes places/plants/ animals/objects  Identifies places correctly  Uses words that correctly describe the place  Uses some new words  Uses adjectives  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice)  Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Plays a simple language game  Gives and follows simple instructions/ directions  Tells own news  Retells a story heard or read  Emphasize the practice of phonics | Reads information text with visuals e.g. maps / pictures / photographs Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicting from title and pictures/visuals Uses reading strategies Identifies and comments on main idea and specific details with support Interprets information in the visual text Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written) | Introduce script  Labels and/or completes visual text e.g. maps / pictures / cartoons / photographs / drawings Uses appropriate vocabulary Labels the text correctly Uses correct format for labels e.g. one or two words only  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Words with long/short/nasal vowel sounds e.g. â, ê, ô / i, ai, u/un bon vin  Working with sentences Begins to use prepositions Extends use of forms of the verb Builds on use of connectors to show contrast (mais), reason (parce que) and purpose (pour).  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|---|--|
| 9-10  | Listens to a dialogue read aloud or from radio or TV  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Introduction to Role Play: plays a character or a familiar situation Selects appropriate content with support Uses details accurately Stays on topic Switches from one language to another as appropriate  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions/directions Tells own news Retells a story heard or read Emphasize the practice of phonics | Reads dialogue  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading predicting from title Identifies the story-line Discusses characters and setting Using basic vocabulary to express feelings stimulated by the text Discusses features of the text especially punctuation and format  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, expression and tempo | Introduce script Writes a dialogue using a frame or speech bubbles Selects appropriate characters Organises the conversation logically Uses the frame correctly Uses direct speech appropriately Uses vocabulary Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation and spacing Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Working with sentences Builds on understanding and use of tenses Uses adverbs of time (demain, hier) Begins to recognise and use reported speech and related punctuations Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
| 1-2   | Participates in conversation on a familiar topic (e.g. The School)  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Asks relevant questions and responds to questions  Maintains the conversation  Respects others' ideas | Reads a short text Choose from contemporary /traditional stories/personal accounts/ adventure/real life stories Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from the title and pictures Answers simple questions Does comprehension activity on the text (oral) Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading visual texts read | Writes a passage with structured support Uses the frame and fills in missing words Uses common vocabulary Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Words starting with selected letters or sounds Working with sentences Begins to use determiners such as un, deux, etc. and premier, deuxième, dernier, etc. Builds on use of subject verb concord e.g. Tu aimes / Les filles aiment Builds on the use of tenses Builds on use of prepositions that show position (sur, sous, au-dessus) Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 3-4   | Listens to simple announcements  Text from the textbook or Teacher's  Resource File (TRF)  Discusses main ideas  Asks questions  | Reads information text with visuals e.g. maps/pictures/photographs/cartoons Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from   | Writes a paragraph or 2 - 3 short sentences using a frame Uses common/familiar vocabulary including pronouns, connectors and phrases.  | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Working with sentences Uses connectors to show addition (et)  |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|--|---|
|       | Responds appropriately  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions/ directions Tells own news Retells a story heard or read | the title and pictures Answers simple questions  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral)  Reads visual text e.g. poster or notice or pamphlet  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: discusses pictures Discusses what the text is about Identifies specific information Interprets the information Discusses the purpose and audience of the text Discusses some of the language use  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Retells story or main ideas in 2 to 3 sentences  Expresses emotional response to texts read. | Uses appropriate grammar, spelling and punctuation Uses the dictionary to check spellings and meanings of words  Draws, labels and/or completes a visual text e.g. maps / pictures / photographs / cartoons Captures the information correctly Shows the links between different parts of the visual correctly Writes sentences describing the visual text Uses appropriate vocabulary Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  Designs and produces a poster  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences or words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | and sequence (puis, avant)  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 5-6   | Listens to a short story with dialogue Choose from   | Reads a story with dialogue  Text from the textbook or Teacher's   | Writes a short story with structured support   | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and  |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|--|--|--|
|       | Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Predicts what will happen next Discusses setting and characters Discusses main events in the story Gives a personal response to the story  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song or part of a story Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions/ directions Tells own news Retells a story heard or read | Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from the title and pictures Discusses setting and characters Discusses main events in the story Gives a personal response to the story Identifies which parts of the story is the dialogue Role plays the story or a part of the story  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Relates to own life | Uses the frame to fill in missing words/phrases Uses extended vocabulary including pronouns, connectors and phrases Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Uses drawings or sentences or words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | meanings of words  Working with sentences Builds on the use of connectors Develops use of direct speech. Introduces the uses quotation marks for direct speech  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 7-8   | Participates in conversation on a familiar topic (e.g. My Friends)  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Asks relevant questions and responds to questions  Maintains the conversation   | Reads information text on familiar topic  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading with support: predicts from the title and pictures  Answers simple questions and begins to  | Writes a paragraph / sentences using a frame or speech bubbles Uses appropriate content Uses common vocabulary including pronouns, connectors and phrases. Uses appropriate spelling and punctuation   | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary Working with sentences                                    |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
|       | Respects others' ideas  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a simple rhyme, poem or song or part of a story Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions/directions Tells own news Retells a story heard or read | ask more complex questions e.g. Why? How do you think? Discusses visuals  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral)  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Expresses emotional response to texts read. | Uses the dictionary to check spellings and meanings of words  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary  Uses drawings or sentences /words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Begins to recognise basic reported speech: Reported questions and subordinate clauses  Builds on the use of adverbs and adjectives  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 9-10  |  | FORMAL ASSESSMENT   |  |   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |  |  |
|-------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| 1-2   | Choose from fiction / traditional stories / personal accounts / adventure / funny / fantasy / real life stories / historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) [instruction will be repeated every fortnight]  Answers questions  Predicts what will happen next  Retells a story  Retells events in own words correct sequence, using simple past  Names the characters correctly  Practises Listening and Speaking  (Choose one for daily practice)  Performs a short poem or rhyme  Plays a simple language game  Gives and follows simple instructions/directions  Tells own news | Reads a short story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) [instruction will be repeated every fortnight] Pre-reading: predicting from title and pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. making predictions, uses phonic and contextual clues Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Discusses the title, and where the story takes place (setting) Expresses simple opinion on the story Uses a dictionary  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with striving towards appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during | Writes a personal (narrative / descriptive ) recount of events Selects from experience Chooses appropriate content for the topic Stays on the topic Frame used by all learners Uses appropriate grammar, spelling and punctuation. Uses vocabulary related to topic Writes an opinion on a story (for enrichment) Pre-writing: discusses what they like / dislike Writes 2 sentences to express what they like / dislike Creates a personal dictionary Labels pages with letters of alphabet Enters 5 words and meanings (drawing/sentence using the word/explanation of word) Or continues to enter words into dictionary created in Grade 4 | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Builds on knowledge of sight words and high frequency words Working with sentences Understands and uses countable nouns e.g. un livre/des livres Builds on use of proper nouns e.g. with capital letter Revises un/une/des and le/la/l'/les with nouns. Builds on use of personal pronouns (je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils) Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |  |  |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
|       |   | independent/pair reading Retells story or main ideas in 3 to sentences Gives opinion on story  |   |  |
| 3-4   | Takes part in a conversation about a familiar topic Asks and answers simple questions on the topic Code switches if necessary Gives other learners a chance to speak Listens to them Gives a factual / descriptive recount Recounts a recent event Tells events in sequence Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme/or part of a short story Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions | Reads information text with visuals e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/ mind maps/ maps/ pictures/ graphs/ photographs/ drawings/ cartoons  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: read and discuss title and look at pictures / diagrams / maps  Uses reading strategies e.g. for general idea, uses contextual clues to find meaning Identifies main facts  Explains meaning of unfamiliar words Answers questions about the text  Practises reading Reads aloud striving towards appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading | Writes a factual / descriptive recount in a frame Selects appropriate content Sequences events correctly Uses appropriate vocabulary Uses appropriate grammar, spelling and punctuation Corrects spelling using a dictionary and redrafts  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary  Working with sentences Builds on understanding and use of simple tenses Builds on use of modals: savoir to show ability, pouvoir to ask for permission, uses devoir to show necessity Uses regular forms of the verb e.g. Je marche / J'ai marché. Uses adverbs of time (demain, hier)  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|---|---|
|       | Tells own news   | Shares opinions on the text<br>Relates text to own life   |   |   |
| 5-6   | Listens to a story with dialogue  (Choose from fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure//real life stories/ Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Uses an oral description to identify people in the story Expresses feelings and opinions about the story Answers oral questions about the story Role play: familiar situations Participates in dialogue Includes relevant information Uses correct tense Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme Plays a simple language game | Reads a story.  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. makes predictions, uses contextual clues to find meaning, reads to find detail Answers questions about the story  Reads social texts e.g. invitations Discusses purpose of text Uses a dictionary to find meaning of new words  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Uses words to express feelings about the text read | Writes a simple description of people Writes at least one paragraph Writes creatively Uses appropriate adjectives Uses simple tenses Writes a short message Organises information Uses correct format e.g. salutation, date, etc. Constructs sentences correctly Writes a paragraph Describes an event Uses connectors Checks spelling and punctuation Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary  Working with sentences Builds on use of prepositions that show position (sur, sous, au-dessus) Uses connectors to show addition: et and sequence (puis, avant) Capital letters for proper nouns, for titles and initials of people  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Compound words e.g. un taille-crayon |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
| 7-8   | Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news  Listens to and carries out instructions e.g. for making or doing something. Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Responds correctly to instructions, Follows sequence correctly  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme/song Tells own news | Reads procedural (instructions ) text Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicting from title and pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. prediction, contextual clues Discusses specific details of text Discusses sequence of instructions Carries out instructions (if possible)  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading | Writes instructions within a frame Uses correct specific details Uses correct sequence, using connectors e.g. d'abord, puis, etc. Uses simple tenses Uses correct structure and format Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  Working with sentences Begins to use determiners such as un, deux, etc. and premier, deuxième, dernier, etc. Begins to use possessive pronouns (le mien/la mienne, le tien/la tienne, le sien/la sienne) Builds on understanding and use of comparative adjectives Uses forms of the verbs être and avoir |
|       |   | Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Gives short oral review   |   | Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|--|--|--|
| 9-10  | Listens to a poem/song  | Includes key points e.g. title, and / topic Gives personal opinion of text  Reads poem/songs   | Writes a passage about poem/s  | Working with words   |
|       | Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Talks about the poem /song (what poem is about) Relates to own experience Identifies rhyme and rhythm Gives personal response (likes / dislikes the poem)  Performs the poem for enrichment Pronounces words correctly Shows understanding Conveys rhythm | Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Discusses the topic and main ideas in the poem Discusses rhyme Discusses words that begin with the same sound Discusses words that imitate their sound Discusses comparisons e.g. "He sings like a bird.", "She is a star." Answers questions about the poem/s (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate expression, showing understanding Uses good pronunciation, phrasing and tempo  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading | Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look.  Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary  Working with sentences  Uses the gender forms of some nouns e.g. un chien / une chienne  Uses different types of adjectives  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

### TERM 1

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL) | Reading and viewing                                | Writing and Presenting | Language Structures and Conventions |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|       |                               | Compares e.g. stories / texts / poems / songs read |                        |                                     |

## **GRADE 5**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|---|---|
| 1-2   | Listens to a story (Choose from fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/) Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Answers questions Answers simple questions Takes part in a conversation on a familiar topic, code-switching if necessary | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading: reads with support and discusses title and looks at pictures  Uses reading strategies e.g. making predictions, using contextual clues  Discusses new vocabulary  Identifies sequence of events, setting and characters  Uses a dictionary  Does comprehension activity on the | Writes a simple paragraph with a frame Writes an appropriate opening sentence Writes about events logically Uses connectors (et, mais) Uses some adjectives Writes an appropriate ending Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary.  Working with sentences Uses nouns and plurals e.g. des ciseaux, des parents Builds on use of adjectives before nouns e.g. le petit chien  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|--|--|--|
|       | Asks and answers question Respects other learners by listening to them  | text (oral or written)  Practises reading  Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Discusses a short story   |  | read texts   |
| 3-4   | Listens to information text e.g. oral description/s of object/s/ plants / animals / places  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Identifies the object/s Describes what it/they are used for Draw and label it  Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news | Reads information text with visuals e.g. charts / tables / diagrams/ mind maps/ maps / pictures / graphs / photographs/ drawings / cartoons Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicting from title and pictures/visuals Uses reading strategies Reads for specific information e.g. timetables or schedules Answers questions on text and visuals  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written) Practises reading | Writes a short description of objects / plants / animals / places using a frame (3-4 sentences) Uses the frame correctly Includes specific details Uses correct determiners Uses relevant vocabulary Punctuation is correct Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary.  Working with sentences Builds on understanding and use of future tense Present of reflexives to describe regular actions e.g. Je me brosse les dents tous les jours.  Extends use of forms of the verbs être and avoir e.g. J'ai mal à la tête/J'ai dix ans/Je suis grand/Je suis journaliste/Je suis d'accord Begins to use prepositions that show |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|---|---|
|       | Tells of own related experiences   | Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Retells a text read   |   | direction ( <i>à, vers</i> ), time ( <i>à, pendant</i> ), possession ( <i>à, de</i> )  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts  |
| 5-6   | Takes part in a conversation about a familiar topic (e. g. Role models ) Asks and answers simple questions on the topic Code switches if necessary Gives other learners a chance to speak Listens to them Gives a factual / descriptive recount Recounts a recent event Tells events in sequence Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme/or part of a short story Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions | Reads stories.  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures Reads for detail and uses contextual clues to find information Identifies and comments on the message Understands the vocabulary Answers questions on the story Retells story in own words (oral or writing)  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression | Writes a passage using a frame Writes at least two paragraphs in a frame Links paragraphs using connectors Uses new vocabulary and punctuation learnt Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation and spaces between paragraphs Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Breaks long words into smaller chunks e.g. gar-çon; a-ni-mal Working with sentences Uses different types of adjectives Understands and uses verbs to describe actions Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---|--|---|
|       | Tells own news Diagram or table about the story   |   |  |   |
| 7-8   | Listens to and responds to oral instructions  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Follows the instructions  Shows understanding of command words  Role plays familiar situations e.g. giving instructions  Gives at least 2 directions / instructions in the correct sequence  Uses appropriate language / vocabulary and gestures e.g. direction words, the command form of the verb  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or part of a story  Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / | Reads procedural (instructions) text e.g. a recipe or instructions for making or doing something Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicting from title and pictures Uses reading strategies Answers questions on the text Follows the instructions correctly  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Compares texts read | Writes a recipe using a frame  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Uses the frame correctly Includes list of ingredients Includes method in correct sequence Uses appropriate vocabulary  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Words starting with selected letters Working with sentences Uses adverbs of place (ici, là, là-bas) Begins to use adverbs of degree (très, vraiment, presque, trop) Future tense e.g. Je le verrai demain./Je vais le voir demain. Begins to use connectors to show contrast (mais), reason (parce que) and purpose (pour). Uses question marks Uses exclamation marks Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

### TERM 2

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL) | Reading and viewing | Writing and Presenting | Language Structures and Conventions |
|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|       | directions                    |                     |                        |                                     |
| 9-10  | FORMAL ASSESSMENT             |                     |                        |                                     |

# **GRADE 5**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|--|--|
| 1-2   | Listens to oral description of places / people Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Identifies places/people Notes relevant information from a story e.g. on a chart / table Listens to and gives personal recounts Recalls own experiences Answers questions about what happened first, second, etc. | Reads a story  (Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/funny/fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures  Understands the features of the text Uses reading strategies e.g. uses | Rewrites the a paragraph/passage in own words, using a frame Uses the simple tenses Identifies the main events Tells the events in the correct order Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation and spaces between paragraphs  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Words starting with selected letters  Working with sentences Understands and uses nouns Builds on use of personal pronouns (je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils) Builds on understanding and use of adjectives Builds on use of subject verb concord e.g. Tu aimes / Les filles aiment |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
|       | Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song or part of a short story Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news   | contextual clues to determine meaning, makes inferences Answers questions about the story Identifies characters  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reads a short paragraph Discusses main idea and specific details  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Discussion on text studied |   | Uses forms of the verb Builds on the use of question marks Builds on the use of exclamation marks  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts   |
| 3-4   | Talks about a familiar topic with preparation Plans and prepares important points Says at least 3 sentences on the topic Answers questions Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song or part of the story | Reads information texts with visuals e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/ mind maps / maps / pictures / graphs / photographs / drawings / cartoons  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: focuses on important details Discusses main information given Selects relevant details to answer  | Draws/completes and labels simple visual texts e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/ mind maps/ maps/pictures/graphs/ photographs/drawings/ cartoons Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Uses information from a visual or written text Organises information | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Words starting with selected letters  Working with sentences Understands uses of the noun Begins to use determiners such un, deux, etc. and premier, deuxième, dernier, etc. |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|--|--|
|       | Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news   | questions  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading  Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Retells a text in about 3 sentences.   | gives information  Makes a mind map summary of a short text Identifies at least three main points  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary  Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Begins to use pronouns Uses different types of adjectives  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts   |
| 5-6   | Listens to stories  (Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/funny/fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Understands stories, answering questions  Expresses own opinion  Retells the story Refers to main characters Retelling of story in own words Uses tenses introduced in previous | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Discusses characters Answers questions about story Identifies the moral/main message of the story  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Reads poem/s or song/s Discusses topic and main idea  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate | Writes a simple story in a frame Writes a story Story has a beginning, a middle and an ending  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.      | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Words starting with selected letters.  Working with sentences Analyses simple sentences into subject, verb, object Begins to use connectors (si, puis) Develops use of direct speech. Begins to recognise and use reported speech.  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|---|---|
|       | grades   | pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Relates texts to own life   |   |   |
| 7-8   | Takes part in a conversation on a familiar topic (e.g. the weather) Asks and answers questions Respects other learners by listening to them Code switches if necessary Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song or a part of a story Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news | Reads procedural text e.g. instructions Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Finds specific details Interprets visuals Discusses the sequence Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written) | Writes on an information text previously used Writes one to two paragraphs Organises information logically Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Uses the writing process with support Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Words starting with selected letters Working with sentences Develops understanding and use of connecting Understands and uses reported speech. Understands and uses negative forms Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 9-10  | Takes part in a conversation on a familiar topic Asks and answers questions Respects other learners by listening to  | Reads a text  Text from the textbook or reader/s or  Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading: predicting from title  | Writes a short dialogue/ using a frame Selects appropriate characters Organises the dialogue logically Uses direct speech   | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Reinforces plural forms  |

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| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|       | them Code switches if necessary Asks and answers more complex questions e.g. What would you do?  Performs simple role plays  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Develops sensible story line Pronounces words audibly and correctly  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song or a part of a story  Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news | Uses reading strategies with support Identifies the story-line Discusses characters, setting Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with expression, showing understanding of the text Reads aloud using proper pronunciation, pacing and volume.  Reflects on texts read independently Compares texts read | Uses an informal style of writing Uses appropriate punctuation e.g. colon, exclamation and question mark Uses writing process Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with sentences Uses the gender forms of some nouns e.g. un chien / une chienne Revises un/une/des and le/la/l'/les with nouns. Uses regular forms of the verb e.g. je marche / J'ai marché Builds on understanding tenses Revises use of connectors to show choice e.g. soitsoit Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
| 1-2   | Listens to a story  (Choose from /traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure / real life stories / historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Understands stories  Answers questions  Asks relevant questions and responds to questions  Answers and begins to ask some more complex questions e.g. Why couldn't? What?; How do you think? | Reads a story or poem or song  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from the title and pictures  Uses reading strategies e.g. uses contextual clues to find the meaning of new words  Discusses main idea and other details. Identifies the sequence of events Identifies the setting and characters  Answers simple question and begins to ask some more complex questions e.g. Why couldn't?;  What?; How do you think?  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Discusses texts studied | Writes a recount of events Relates event Writes a simple story / paragraph / passage in a frame Uses story structure Links sentences into a coherent paragraph using pronouns, connectors and correct punctuation Uses correct tense Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Uses the following writing process with support  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Words ending in selecting letters  Working with sentences Understands and uses nouns e.g. une craie Builds on use of personal pronouns (je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils) Uses different types of adjectives Builds on use of subject verb concord e.g. Tu aimes / Les filles aiment  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|--|---|
| 3-4   | Participates in discussion Discusses familiar topics Takes turns, shows respect for others, respects others opinions  Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news | Reads text  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts what text is about by previewing it Answers questions Discusses main ideas and specific details  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reads and understands a poster Pre-reading: discusses pictures Interprets the information Discusses the text | Writes information text using a frame Selects a relevant topic Includes relevant information Uses the following writing process with support Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Designs a poster Includes relevant information Includes a picture Uses print sizes effectively Presents neat, legible, final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Words with long and short vowel sounds: Working with sentences Uses nouns Builds on use of pronouns Builds on use of adjectives Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 5-6   | Listens to a story  (Choose from traditional stories/personal accounts//real life stories/historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or   | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading: predicts from the title and pictures  Uses reading strategies e.g. uses   | Writes a recount of events in a frame Relates events in sequence Uses appropriate grammar, vocabulary, spelling and information. Uses the writing process with support Uses the dictionary to check spelling   | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Singular and plural forms of nouns Working with sentences   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|--|---|
|       | Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Identifies plot, characters and actions Answers questions  Tells same story in own words with support Sequence of story makes sense Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news Recalls events or experiences in the right sequence | contextual clues to find the meaning of new words  Discusses main idea and other details. Identifies the sequence of events Identifies the setting and characters  Answers and begins to ask some more complex questions e.g. Why couldn't? What? How do you think?  Reads poem/s  Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures  Uses reading strategies e.g. uses contextual clues  Answers questions about the poem  Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem  Discusses rhyme, words that begin with the same sounds and comparisons  Practises reading  Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression | and meanings of words  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary  Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Builds on understanding tenses Builds on use of modals: savoir to show ability, pouvoir to ask for permission Uses adverbs of time (demain, hier) Begins to use prepositions that show direction (à), time (à, pendant), possession (à, de)  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 7-8   | Takes part in a conversation Asks and answers questions Respects other learners Listens to them and encourages them to   |  | Designs a poster Includes relevant information Includes a picture  | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words singular and plural forms of nouns   |

### TERM 4

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---------------------|---|---|
|       | speak Code switches if necessary Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a short poem or rhyme or song Plays a simple language game Gives and follows simple instructions / directions Tells own news |                     | Uses print sizes effectively Presents neat, legible, final draft Writes information text using a frame Selects appropriate information Writes one to two paragraphs Uses correct spelling and punctuation Uses connectors Uses the writing process with support | Working with sentences Develops use of connectors Uses adverbs of manner (vite, lentement) Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 9-10  |   | FORMAL AS           | SSESSMENT   |   |

### 3.5.3 GRADE 6

#### **GRADE 6**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)                                | Reading and viewing                                     | Writing and Presenting                       | Language Structures and Conventions                         |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
|       | Listens to a short story (Choose from contemporary realistic | Reads a short story (Choose from contemporary realistic | Writes a paragraph with support Uses a frame | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|--|---|
|       | fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/ funny/fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Answers questions to show understanding Gives a personal response to the story  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions / directions Discusses a topic | fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/funny / fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from title and pictures  Uses reading strategies e.g. making predictions, uses phonic and contextual clues  Discusses new vocabulary from the read text  Discusses the title, and where the story takes place (setting)  Answers simple questions on the story  Practises reading  Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression | Writes an appropriate opening sentence with support Uses connectors Writes an appropriate ending with support Uses appropriate grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | personal dictionary Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look. Builds on knowledge of sight words and high frequency words  Working with sentences Understands and uses countable nouns e.g. un livre / des livres Builds on use of personal pronouns (je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils) Builds on use of subject verb concord e.g. Tu aimes / Les filles aiment Builds on understanding and use of tenses  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 3-4   | Sustains a conversation on a familiar topic (e.g. Body and Health) Asks and answers questions  | Reads a simple descriptive / narrative recount Text from the textbook or reader/s or  | Writes a simple personal note or message Reinforces the features of a personal   | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|---|---|--|---|
|       | Respects other learners by listening to them  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Discusses a familiar topic | Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from title and pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. making predictions, uses pictures / phonic and contextual clues Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Answers simple questions on text  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Shares opinions on the text | note / message Uses a frame Directs message at appropriate person Edits own writing with support by correcting grammar, punctuation and spelling errors  Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary.  Breaks long words into smaller chunks e.g. gar-çon; a-ni-mal  Working with sentences Revises un/une/des and le/la/l'/les with nouns.  Builds on understanding and use of tenses Builds on the use of adverbs and adjectives  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 5-6   | Listens to a story  (Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure//real life stories)   | Reads a text  (Choose from contemporary /traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/real life stories) e.g. a diary/diary entries  | Writes for personal reflection e.g. a diary using a frame Introduce and discuss the features of the diary Uses the frame   | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|---|---|
|       | Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Summarises story with support in a frame Understands basic questions  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem or a part of a story Plays a language game Discusses a familiar topic | Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from title and pictures Uses reading strategies with support e.g. makes predictions, uses phonic and contextual clues Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Answers questions on text  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, pacing and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Discusses own feelings | Uses an informal style Tells the events in order Uses connectors Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | a dictionary.  Working with sentences  Builds on use of personal pronoun ( je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils)  Understands and uses verbs to describe actions  Builds on use of prepositions that show position (sur, sous, au-dessous)  Uses connectors to show addition: et and sequence: (puis, avant)  Uses question forms (qui, qu'est-ce que, quand, quel, pourquoi, comment)  Capital letters for proper nouns, for titles and initials of people  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 7-8   | Listens to and discusses basic instructions Responds physically to simple instructions Uses connectors Uses the correct order Practises Listening and Speaking for   | Reads procedural text e.g. instructions with visuals e.g. diagrams / pictures / graphs / photographs / drawings Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading with support: predicts from   | Completes visual text e.g. diagrams / pictures / graphs / photographs / drawings Adds correct labels Includes relevant information Uses key words   | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words The letter C can be pronounced in one of two ways:  1. Soft pronunciation - In front of an E, I, or Y the C is pronounced like an S: listen  2. Hard pronunciation - In front of   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|--|---|
|       | enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem or song or a part of a story Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions / directions Discusses a topic | title, pictures and headings Uses reading strategies with support Discusses some visual features Interprets information in the visual text Follows instructions  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency, pacing and expression  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Does a word puzzle for enrichment Uses relevant vocabulary Spells words correctly Explains meanings of words/uses them in a sentence | Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | an A, O, U, or a consonant, C is prounced like a K  Working with sentences Uses the command form of the verb Begins to use determiners such as un, deux, etc. and premier, deuxième, dernier. Uses of the different negative forms e.g. Je n'ai jamais rien dit Ils ne mangent plus rien. Uses "devoir" to show necessity Begins to use prepositions that show direction (à), time (à, pendant), possession (à, de)  Understands and uses negative forms  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Synonyms (words that are similar in meaning e.g. un ami / un copain) |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|--|---|--|
| 9-10  | Listens to poems/songs  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Uses an oral description to identify people or objects  Plays a language game for enrichment Gives and follows instructions correctly Takes turns  Completes the game in the time allocated | Reads poems  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Discusses topic and main idea Understands in a simple way some elements of poetry e.g. rhyme, alliteration Discusses new vocabulary from the read text Uses a dictionary  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression | Writes a description of a person / an object / animal / plant / place Selects appropriate content Focuses on physical description Writes creatively, using adjectives and adverbs Edits own writing, correcting spelling errors  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.  Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary  Working with sentences Understands and uses of the possessive form of the noun e.g. les yeux de Sylvie Uses different types of adjectives Builds on the uses of tenses  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Compound words e.g. un taille-crayon |

| Weeks Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|--|--|--|--|
| (Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/ funny/fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Answers literal questions Notes relevant information Tells and retells stories  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions / directions Discusses a topic | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: reads and discusses title and looks at pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. makes predictions, using contextual clues Discusses new vocabulary Identifies sequence of events, setting and characters (e.g. describes characters' feelings, and talks about reasons for their actions) Expresses cause and effect Uses a dictionary  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Gives opinions and relates books to own | Writes a simple story using a frame Uses story structure as a frame Writes an appropriate opening sentence Uses connectors Uses some adjectives Writes an appropriate ending Stays on the topic Links sentences into a coherent paragraph using pronouns, connectors and correct punctuation Uses appropriate grammar, spelling and punctuation Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Writes a paragraph to express and explain an opinion Writes 2 to 3 sentences Selects relevant information Gives own personal opinion Explains sensibly Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary  Working with sentences Understands and uses uncountable nouns e.g. des vacances / des bagages Builds on use of demonstrative pronouns (celui-ci, celui-là, ceux-ci, ceux-là) Builds on use of adjectives before nouns e.g. le petit chien Begins to use irregular forms of some verbs e.g. je prends, nous prenons Builds on understanding and use of present tense Begins to use "je dois", "je devrais" and "il faut" to show obligation.  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|---|---|--|
|       |   | life  | Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.  |  |
|       |   |   | Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises  |  |
|       |   |   | Edits   |  |
|       |   |   | Writes final draft  |  |
|       |   |   | Presents neat, legible final draft  |  |
| 3-4   | Listens to oral descriptions of objects/  | Reads information texts e.g. from other   | Writes a  | Working with words   |
|       | animals/ plants/ places  Text from the textbook or Teacher's  Resource File (TRF) Identifies what it is Describes what it is for Distinguishes parts from the whole Draws and label it Uses vocabulary relating to other subjects  Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game | subjects.  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: discusses the topic with support and revises key vocabulary Reads a paragraph and identifies main idea and topic sentence Answers questions on text and visuals e.g. graphs, diagrams, tables  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Summarises what they have read in a few sentences | description/paragraph/sentences of objects / animals/plants/places Includes relevant, specific details Describes physical appearance Uses correct determiners Uses relevant vocabulary Punctuation is correct Drafts writing, gets feedback, edits and rewrites  Designs, draws and labels visual text e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/ mind maps/ maps/pictures/graphs/ plans Uses information from a written or visual | Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Reinforce singular and plural forms  Working with sentences Uses nouns that have only plurals e.g. des ciseaux, des vacances Begins to use possessive pronouns (le mien/la mienne, le tien/la tienne, le sien/la sienne) Uses different types of adjectives Uses adverbs of manner (vite, lentement) Develops understanding and use of connectors showing addition, sequence |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)                                 | Reading and viewing | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|---------------------|---|--|
|       | Gives and follows instructions / directions Discusses a topic |                     | text Includes specific details Uses key words and phrases Uses appropriate vocabulary Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft | and contrast.  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|--|---|--|
| 5-6   | Listens to a personal recount of an event Identifies most important ideas and people Answers questions about what happened first, second, etc, recounting the same event Role-plays some familiar situations Uses appropriate language and actions Organises content sensibly Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Tells or retells stories | Reads stories (Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/funny/fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction) Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts with support from title and pictures Reads for detail and uses contextual clues to find meaning Understands the vocabulary Answers basic questions on the story (e.g. message and setting)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression Reads personal and social texts e.g. a personal diary or letter Comments on main ideas Reads for detail and notices informal style Comments on format and salutation Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Relates reading to own life | Writes a simple personal letter Introduce features of the informal letter Uses a frame Uses an informal style Writes at least two short paragraphs Uses new vocabulary and punctuation learnt Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation and spaces between paragraphs Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary  Working with sentences Uses regular forms of the verb e.g. Je marche./ J'ai marché. Uses forms of the verb être and the verb avoir Uses adverbs of frequency e.g. Elle parle souvent. Begins to use connectors to show contrast (mais), reason (parce que) and purpose (pour).  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Antonyms (words that are opposite in meaning e.g. fort/doux) |

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| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
| 7-8   | Carries out a class survey e.g. interviews class mates, recording responses on a chart or graph Asks and answers questions Handles interviews politely Records information accurately Uses the structure correctly Uses key words and phrases  Sustains a conversation on a familiar topic for enrichment Listens to and gives other learners a chance to speak Asks and answers questions Gives an opinion e.g. Why do you think? | Reads information text with visuals e.g. timetables and television schedules/charts/tables/ diagrams/mind maps/maps/pictures/graphs Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: discusses the topic and revises key vocabulary Reads a paragraph and identifies main idea and topic sentence Answers questions on text and visuals Scans for specific information  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Solves word puzzles for enrichment Uses relevant vocabulary Spells words correctly Explains meanings of words/uses them in a sentence Uses a dictionary  Reflects on texts read during | Develops a simple questionnaire Writes questions clearly Leaves space for answers Uses the question form correctly Writes a paragraph to express and explain an opinion Writes 3-4 sentences with support Selects relevant information Gives own personal opinion Explains sensibly Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Words with nasal vowels: e.g. un bon vin Working with sentences Extends use of the verbs être and avoir Builds on understanding and use of future tense Begins to use "je dois", "je devrais" and "il faut" to show obligation. Begins to use adverbs Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Antonyms (words that are opposite in meaning e.g. fort/doux) |
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## TERM 2

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL) | Reading and viewing                                    | Writing and Presenting | Language Structures and Conventions |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|       |                               | independent/pair reading Compares books and texts read |                        |                                     |
| 9-10  | FORMAL ASSESSMENT             |  |                        |                                     |

# **GRADE 6**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|--|--|--|
| 1-2   | Listens to oral descriptions of places/animals/ plants /objects/etc  Text from the textbook or reader/s or  Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Identifies places  Notes relevant information e.g. on a chart  / table Identifies similarities and differences  Practises Listening and Speaking for | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures  Describes the features of the text Uses reading strategies e.g. uses contextual clues to determine meaning, makes inferences | Writes diary entries Selects appropriate content for the topic Uses the appropriate structure as a frame Tells the events in the correct order Uses connectors Uses appropriate grammar, spelling, punctuation and spaces between paragraphs Uses the writing process with support | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Add s to form most plurals  Working with sentences Builds on use of proper nouns e.g. with capital letter Builds on the use of tenses Uses futur simple to indicate something that will happen e.g. Il y aura un orage |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|--|---|--|
|       | enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions / directions Recounts experiences or events in the right sequence, using connectors   | Answers questions about the story Identifies and discusses the setting and characters Describes cause and effect in a story e.g. What happened when? Or Why do you think happened?  Reads simple personal letters for enrichment Identifies main ideas Answers literal questions Identifies features of text e.g. date, salutation   | Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.   | aujourd'hui.  Begins to use connectors to show cause- and-effect (pour que)  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts  Synonyms (words that are similar in meaning e.g. un ami / un copain)   |
| 3-4   | Listens to a simple talk on an issue Asks and answers simple questions Discusses the main idea Gives opinions Respects other learners by listening to them Talks about an issue after preparation Selects appropriate topic and content Stays on topic Organises content logically | Reads information texts with visuals e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/ mind maps/ maps/pictures/graphs.  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: scans for important details Asks questions Selects relevant details to answer questions Makes a mind map summary of the text/selection of the text  Does comprehension activity on the | Writes information text using visuals e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/ mind maps/ maps/ pictures/graphs  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Reads selected text Uses information from the text to draw and label visual text e.g. tables or charts or graphs  Transfers text into graphic form e.g. uses notes of information collected Transfers information into graphic form | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  Working with sentences Uses the gender forms of some nouns e.g. un chien / une chienne Builds on use of adjectives before nouns e.g. le petit chien Builds on use of subject verb concord e.g. Tu aimes / Les filles aiment Builds on the use of tenses  Vocabulary in context |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|---|--|
|       |  | text (oral or written)  Practises reading  Reads aloud with appropriate  pronunciation, fluency and expression  | e.g. a graph or table Analyses information  Writes a short report in a frame on information collected Evaluates with support the information Uses an appropriate structure for the report   | Words taken from shared or individually read texts  Words belonging to the same lexical field e.g. une couverture and une page belong to the lexical field un livre  |
| 5-6   | Listens to a song/simple poems  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Recalls main idea Discusses central idea Relates to own experience Identifies rhyme Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem Performs song/selected lines  Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions / directions Discusses a topic | Reads poems or songs Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. uses contextual clues Answers questions about the poem Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem Discusses rhyme Discusses comparisons made in the poem  Practises reading Reads aloud with expression, showing understanding Reads aloud using proper pronunciation, pacing and volume.  Reflects on texts read during | Writes a simple passage / paragraph using the writing process with support Selects interesting content Uses the story structure as a frame Uses a beginning, middle and end Tells events in appropriate order Uses an appropriate tense and co- ordinates sentences with "et" and "mais" Uses punctuation, Uses appropriate spacing for paragraphs Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas using e.g. mind maps Writes first draft Gets feedback on content and use of grammar and vocabulary Checks spelling | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Shortening words e.g. une télévision / une télé  Working with sentences Revises un/une/des and le/la/l'/les with nouns. Builds on use of personal pronouns (je, tu, il, elle, nous, ils) Uses adverbs Begins to use pronouns  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Joining prefixes or suffixes to a base word |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|--|--|
|       |  | independent/pair reading Relates texts to own life  | Writes final draft  For enrichment: Writes for fun e.g. simple four line poem or rhyming sentences Chooses topic Writes rhyming sentences on topic Uses one comparison  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.   |  |
| 7-8   | Listens to and carries out instructions e.g. a procedure Predicts what might come next Discusses specific details of text Discusses sequence of instructions Discusses the form of the verb used Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game | Reads procedural text e.g. recipe/instructions (e.g. folding a paper box)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from title and headings Interprets visuals  Answers questions about the text Discusses what needs to be done Discusses sequence of instructions Follows the instructions | Makes a mind map / summary of a short text with a frame Identifies at least three main points Organises information neatly Uses appropriate symbols /diagrams/other relevant graphic text Uses appropriate vocabulary Checks spelling Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas using e.g. mind maps | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Words which are often confused e.g. ces/ses, mais/mes Working with sentences Understands and uses of the possessive form of the noun e.g. les yeux de Sylvie Uses different types of adjectives Understands and uses verbs to describe actions Build on the use of tenses |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|---|--|--|
|       | Gives and follows instructions / directions Discusses a topic  | Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Describes features of some of texts read   | Writes first draft Checks spelling Writes final draft  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc.  | Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts   |
| 9-10  | Participates in conversation on a  | Peads a role play   | Writes a short dialogue using a more   | Working with words   |
| 9-10  | Participates in conversation on a familiar topic (e.g. The Weather)  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Asks relevant questions and responds to questions Sustains the conversation Expresses opinions Respects others' ideas Encourages other learners to speak the additional language  Performs simple role plays Uses appropriate content and language Uses direct speech Develops sensible story line Uses voice and expression and gestures | Reads a role play  Text from the textbook or reader/s or  Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading predicting from title  Uses reading strategies  Identifies the story-line  Discusses characters, setting and action  Expresses feelings stimulated by the text  Discusses features of the text especially  punctuation and format  Does comprehension activity on the  text (oral or written)  Practises reading  Reads aloud with expression, showing  understanding of the text  Reads aloud using proper pronunciation, | Writes a short dialogue, using a more informal style of writing (in a frame) Selects appropriate characters Develops the conversation and action logically Uses direct speech Uses appropriate punctuation e.g. colon, exclamation and question marks Uses writing process with support Brainstorms ideas using mind maps Produces first draft Gets feedback and revises Proofreads Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft with correct spacing Records words and their meanings in | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Builds on phonic knowledge to spell words e.g. builds word families based on how they sound or look.  Working with sentences Begins to use determiners: un, deux, etc. and premier, deuxième, dernier, etc. Uses different types of adjectives including those relating to temperature Uses different types of adjectives including those relating to age  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

## TERM 3

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)                            | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions |
|-------|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
|       | to convey meaning Pronounces words audibly and correctly | pacing and volume.  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Presents a short oral book report with appropriate content and structure Gives own opinion | a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. |                                     |

# **GRADE 6**

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|--|--|---|
| 1-2   | Listens to a story (Choose from contemporary realistic fiction/traditional stories/personal accounts/adventure/funny/fantasy/real life stories/historical fiction) Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: predicts from the title and pictures  Uses reading strategies: uses contextual clues to find the meaning of new words Discusses setting and characters | Writes a simple story / passage Uses story structure as a frame Uses language imaginatively especially a variety of vocabulary Links sentences into a coherent paragraph using pronouns, connectors and correct punctuation Uses appropriate grammar, spelling and | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Builds on knowledge of sight words and high frequency words Working with sentences Understands and uses countable nouns e.g.un livre/des livres |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|--|--|---|--|
|       | Asks relevant questions and responds to questions  Answers simple and begins to ask and answer more complex questions e.g. Why couldn't?; What? How do you think?  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions/ directions Discusses a topic | Discusses the sequence of events, answering questions about what happened first, second, etc.  Asks and answers more complex questions e.g. Why couldn't?; What? How do you think?  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Reads personal letters (for enrichments)  Pre-reading: predicts based on skimming the text  Uses reading strategies: uses contextual clues to find the meaning of new words Identifies main idea and specific details Discusses the purpose of the letter  Discusses the format of the letter  Practises reading  Reads aloud with expression, showing understanding  Reads aloud using proper pronunciation, pacing and volume | punctuation Uses correct tense consistently Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Uses the writing process with support Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Builds on use of demonstrative pronouns (celui-ci, celui-là, ceux-ci, ceux-là) Builds on use of adjectives before nouns e.g. le petit chien Uses adverbs of time (demain, hier) Begins to use prepositions that show direction (à), time (à, pendant), possession (à, de)  Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Antonyms (words that are opposite in meaning e.g. fort/doux) |
| 3-4   | Listens to and discusses a talk Discusses main ideas and specific  | Reads information text  Text from the textbook or reader/s or  | Uses information from a visual text e.g. charts/tables/ diagrams/mind maps/   | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and   |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)   | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions  |
|-------|---|--|--|--|
|       | details Records specific information on a chart or mind map  Practises Listening and Speaking for enrichment (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions/ directions Discusses a topic | Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Pre-reading: reads and discusses headings and pictures Notices the role that pictures and photographs play in constructing meaning Answers questions about the text Summarises a paragraph with support  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Expresses emotional response to texts read  Relates text to own life | maps/ pictures/ graphs to write a text Writes two to three paragraphs Spelling and punctuation are correct Writes visual information text Makes a mind map summary of a short text with support Organises advantages and disadvantages into a table Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | meanings of words  Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary.  Working with sentences  Begins to use possessive pronouns (le mien/la mienne, le tien/la tienne, le sien/la sienne)  Builds on understanding and use of present tense  Uses connectors to show addition: et and sequence (puis, avant)  Analyses simple sentences into subject, verb, object e.g. Amélie - lit - son livre  Understands and uses reported speech.  Uses relative clauses e.g. La fille qui est blonde est ma soeur.  Uses commas for separating nouns in a list  Uses quotation marks for direct speech  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |
| 5-6   | Listens to a story (Choose from fiction/traditional   | Reads a story  Text from the textbook or reader/s or   | Writes a book review Selects appropriate content and structure   | Working with words Uses the dictionary to check spelling and   |

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|---|--|---|---|
| Weeks Listening and Speaking (ORA   | AL) Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
| stories/personal accounts/adventure funny/fantasy/real life stories/historiction)  Text from the textbook or reader/s Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Asks relevant questions and responses the story Answers and begins to ask and an more complex questions e.g. Who couldn't ?; What? How do you think?  Expresses an opinion, giving a read it e.g. on ethical, social and critic issues in a story, code switching necessary Uses tenses introduced in the early grades e.g. past and future  Listens to a poem/s  Text from the textbook or Teacher's Resource File (TRF) Recalls main idea Discusses central idea Relates to own experience Identifies rhyme and words that be | Pre-reading: predicts from the title and pictures  Uses reading strategies: uses contextual clues to find the meaning of new words Discusses plot, setting and characters Discusses the sequence of events, answering questions about what happened first, second, etc.  Asks and answers more complex questions e.g. Why couldn't ?; What? How do you think?  Expresses and explains own opinion  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Reads poems Pre-reading: predicts from title and pictures Uses reading strategies e.g. uses contextual clues Answers questions about the poem Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem Discusses rhyme and alliteration Discusses comparisons made in the | Expresses and explains own opinion Includes title, characters and summary Writes a personal letter Selects appropriate content Uses a frame only if necessary Addresses the message correctly Orders the information logically Writes own name at the end Uses an informal style of writing appropriate for the purpose Uses the writing process Brainstorms ideas Writes a first draft Revises Edits Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Uses the dictionary to check spelling and meanings of words  Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | meanings of words  Words belonging to the same lexical field e.g. couverture and page belong to the lexical field livre  Working with sentences  Uses question forms: qui, qu'est-ce que, quand, quel, pourquoi, comment  Develops use of connectors showing reason and purpose.  Begins to use connectors to show choice e.g; soitsoit  Future tense e.g. Je le verrai demain./Je vais le voir demain  Builds on understanding and use of present tense  Vocabulary in context  Words taken from shared or individually read texts |

| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing   | Writing and Presenting  | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|-------|--|---|---|---|
|       | with the same sounds (alliteration) Identifies and discusses comparisons (e.g. similes) Expresses feelings stimulated by the poem Performs song/selected lines   | Practises reading Reads aloud with expression, showing understanding Reads aloud using proper pronunciation, pacing and volume                                      |   |   |
|       | Practises Listening and Speaking  (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions/ directions Discusses a topic Recounts events or experiences in the right sequence, answering questions about what happened first, second, third, etc | Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading Does a structured book review with good oral presentation  |   |   |
| 7-8   | Takes part in a conversation (e. g. Role models) Asks and answers questions Respects other learners Listens to other learners and encourages   | Reads media texts e.g. magazine article/news report.  Text from the textbook or reader/s or Teacher's Resource File (TRF)  Pre-reading: predicts what text is about | Writes a simple paragraph/passage using a frame Includes relevant information Includes a clear main idea Develops information logically | Working with words Spells familiar words correctly, using a personal dictionary Uses knowledge of alphabetical order and first letters of a word to find words in a dictionary. |

| Weeks Listening and Speaking (ORAL)  | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting   | Language Structures and Conventions   |
|--|--|--|---|
| them to speak  Participates in discussion Imagines and describes possibilities Uses the conditional Takes turns Respects others' opinions Encourages others to speak  Practises Listening and Speaking (Choose one for daily practice) Performs a poem Plays a language game Gives and follows instructions/directions Discusses a topic | by previewing it Uses a range of reading strategies e.g. skimming, scanning Answers questions Discusses main ideas and specific details Discusses the layout and design of the text Compares layout and design to that of newspaper  Does comprehension activity on the text (oral or written)  Practises reading Reads aloud with appropriate pronunciation, fluency and expression  Reads and understands graphic media text e.g. posters and advertisements Pre-reading: discusses pictures Interprets the information Discusses the purpose of the text Discusses some of the language use Identifies and discusses design features such as colour and different sizes or kinds of print (font) Discusses the layout | Uses connectors and organises paragraphs properly Uses the correct format Uses appropriate grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation  Designs a poster for enrichment Includes relevant information Includes a picture Uses the correct format Uses design features such as colour and different sizes or kinds of print (font) Presents neat, legible, final draft Uses the writing process with support Writes first draft Revises Proofreads Writes final draft Presents neat, legible final draft Records words and their meanings in a personal dictionary Writes sentences using the words or explanations to show the meaning, etc. | Working with sentences Uses devoir to show necessity Begins to use connectors to show condition Uses comparatives (aussi que, plus que, moins que) Uses question marks Uses exclamation marks Vocabulary in context Words taken from shared or individually read texts Compound words e.g. un taille-crayon |

|       | GRADE 6                       |  |                        |                                     |  |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|       | TERM 4                        |  |                        |                                     |  |
| Weeks | Listening and Speaking (ORAL) | Reading and viewing  | Writing and Presenting | Language Structures and Conventions |  |
|       |                               | Compares different texts e.g. posters and advertisements  Reflects on texts read during independent/pair reading  Shares opinions on texts |                        |                                     |  |
| 9-10  |                               | FORMAL ASSESSMENT  |                        |                                     |  |

# SECTION 4: ASSESSMENT IN THE SECOND ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

#### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

Assessment is a continuous planned process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about the performance of learners, using various forms of assessment. It involves four steps: generating and collecting evidence of achievement; evaluating this evidence; recording the findings and using this information to understand and thereby assist the learner's development in order to improve the process of learning and teaching.

Assessment should be both informal (Assessment for Learning) and formal (Assessment of Learning). In both cases regular feedback should be provided to learners to enhance the learning experience.

The Second Additional Language learners' success depends on regular, informal assessment and feedback from the teacher as they engage with the texts and activities. The teaching plan sets out the required content, skills and strategies for teaching and learning over a year. This is what will be assessed at increasing levels of development (progression). Not everything taught needs to be formally assessed. However, it is essential that learners' progress is assessed through both a formal and an informal assessment programme, as this informs planning.

Learners' listening skills, oral competence, ability to answer questions, participation in discussions and written recording skills where necessary should be observed on a daily basis.

It is important, too, that learners' understanding of what they are reading is assessed and not just their ability to recognise or decode words. Assessment of reading should therefore also take place regularly and not just be a once-off assessment. Formal reading assessment should focus on reading aloud as well as activities which help a teacher to determine how much the learner has understood, for example, retelling a story or answering questions.

Assessment of written work will focus primarily on the learner's ability to convey meaning, as well as how correctly they have written, for example, correct Language Structures and Conventions, spelling and punctuation. All assessment should recognise that language learning is a process and that learners will not produce a completely correct piece of work the first time round. Therefore the various stages in the writing process should also be introduced.

When giving a formal assessment task, there will be a focus on a particular skill, for example Listening and Speaking, or Reading or Writing. However, because language learning is an integrated process, more than one skill will be used. The language structures should be assessed in context. It must be ensured that assessment is not only done as written work, but allows for practical and oral work too. It is important to assess what learners understand and not what they can just memorise, so assess skills in context as much as possible e.g. learners may spell all their words correctly during a test on Friday, but are they able to use those same words correctly spelt when writing/ recording their personal news or a story?

Teaching and assessment of languages should make provision for inclusion of all learners, and strategies should be found to assist all learners to access or produce language texts. Some students experiencing barriers may not be able to attain some of the aims as they are presented in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement.

#### 4.2 INFORMAL OR DAILY ASSESSMENT

Assessment for learning has the purpose of continuously collecting information on a learner's achievement that can be used to improve their learning.

Informal assessment is a daily monitoring of learners' progress. This is done through observations, discussions,

practical demonstrations, learner-teacher conferences, informal classroom interactions, etc. Informal assessment may be as simple as stopping during the lesson to observe learners or to discuss with learners how learning is progressing. Assessment of language competence will be in the form of observation, written exercises, oral activities and presentations, written tests, reading aloud and other forms of assessment. Informal assessment should be used to provide feedback to the learners and to inform planning for teaching, but need not be recorded. It should not be seen as separate from learning activities taking place in the classroom. Many of the learning activities may be used to assess learners' performance informally. In some cases, teachers might want to set specific assessment types of activities to motivate learners to learn, such as regular spelling texts. Learners or teachers can mark these assessment tasks.

It is suggested that teachers use the first two weeks of the term to do a baseline assessment of learners. Use the activities given in the first two weeks of the teaching plans to do this assessment. This will enable teachers to establish the kind of attention that learners will need as they proceed.

Self assessment and peer assessment actively involves learners in assessment. This is important as it allows learners to learn from and reflect on their own performance. The results of the informal daily assessment tasks are not formally recorded unless the teacher wishes to do so. Teachers may however wish to keep their own informal records of how individual learners are progressing in the different aspects of the subject to assist with planning and ensuring that individual learners develop the required skills and understanding. The results of daily assessment tasks are not taken into account for promotion and certification purposes.

#### 4.3 FORMAL ASSESSMENT

All assessment tasks that make up a formal programme of assessment for the year are regarded as Formal Assessment. Formal assessment tasks are marked and *formally recorded* by the teacher for progression and certification purposes. All Formal Assessment tasks are subject to moderation for the purpose of quality assurance and to ensure that appropriate standards are maintained.

Formal assessment provides teachers with a systematic way of evaluating how well learners are progressing in a grade and in a particular subject. Examples of formal assessments include tests, examinations, oral presentations, demonstrations (such as retelling a story, matching), performances (such as role play), paragraphs/passages participation in oral tasks (such as dialogues, conversations, discussions), written tasks (such as completing a worksheet, writing paragraphs or other types of texts), etc. Formal assessment tasks form part of a year-long formal Programme of Assessment in each grade and subject. While preparations for *formal assessment tasks* could be done outside the classroom, the final version should be done under controlled conditions, in the classroom.

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Formal assessment tasks must assess not only learners' knowledge and skill but also their use of the language in context.

In formal assessment, use memoranda, rubrics, checklists and rating scales as well as other appropriate assessment tools to observe, assess and record learners' levels of understanding and skill. Choose an assessment tool that is most appropriate for the type of activity. For example, a rubric is more suitable than a memorandum for a creative writing piece. A memorandum is better suited to a spelling test or a reading comprehension activity.

The formal assessment requirements for Second Additional Language are as follows:

One formal assessment tasks for the first and third terms must be completed and one in the fourth term, totalling five in all for the school year. These five formal assessment tasks make up 75% of the total mark for Second Additional Language in Grades 4, 5 and 6. This formal assessment mark will include the mid-year test or examination, if this is given.

The first formal assessment task in each term should be done in the middle of the term. The mid-year test formal assessment task in term 2 should be done towards the end of the term.

There will be an examination at the year-end which will count for 25% of the mark.

Each formal assessment task should be made up of activities that assess Listening and Speaking, Reading, Writing, and Language Structures and Conventions, and should take place over a period of days. Language Structures and Conventions should be assessed in context.

Formal assessment tasks must assess a range of aspects of the language skills so that key aspects will be assessed over the course of the term and the year. Ensure that these aspects have been informally assessed and feedback given to the learner before they are formally assessed.

All assessment in the Intermediate Phase is internal.

The forms of assessment used should be age and developmental level appropriate. The design of these tasks should cover the content of the subject and include a variety of tasks designed to achieve the objectives of the subject.

#### Formal assessment tasks

Each formal assessment task should cover the following aspects and have the following weighting. It should be based on the knowledge and skills done during that term. The examples given below are merely to illustrate the kind of activity that should be set. Use the term plans for each grade to select the kind of activities and the set of skills required for each part of the formal assessment task.

Requirements for the compilation of a task are given in percentages. Where thirty percent for a language skill is indicated, it means that the final allocation of marks for that language skill should be thirty percent of the total and not thirty marks. Schools are not limited to a number of marks allocated to a language skill as long as the weighting for each language skill is observed for each task according to the percentage allocated. In grade four for example, a language knowledge test may be set for ten marks or more, as long as the final weighting does not exceed the weighting indicated.

In Writing parts of the planning process or the whole process should be assessed at least once per term. The lengths of texts for writing as indicated in Section 3.4 should be strictly adhered to.

| Composition of a formal assessment task (FAT) |   | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 |
|---|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Listening and Speak                           | ing   | 40 %    | 40 %    | 40 %    |
| Listening                                     | An activity to show that the learner has listened and understood e.g. listen and follow instructions/listen to a text and answer questions about it, orally or in writing                                 | 20 %    | 20 %    | 20 %    |
| Speaking                                      | An activity to show that the learner can express him/herself orally e.g. take part in a conversation or dialogue/discuss a topic or text/give instructions or directions/perform a poem/give a short talk | 20 %    | 20 %    | 20 %    |
|   | OR  |         |         |         |
|   | One or more combined Listening and Speaking   | 40%     | 40%     | 40%     |

|                                      | activities to demonstrate ability to understand and express oral language e.g. listen to and retell a story/listen to a talk and discuss it   |     |     |      |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|------|
|                                      | Reading   |     | 30% | 30%% |
| Reading aloud                        | An activity to show that the learner can read fluently e.g. read aloud from a familiar text (Terms 1 to 4)/read aloud from an unfamiliar text (Terms 3 and 4). This must include a few questions to determine whether the learner has understood what has been read.  | 10% | 10% | 10%  |
| Reading comprehension                | Two or more activities to show that the learner can understand the meaning of the text and recognises features of the text e.g. answer questions/retell a story/make up own ending/give a summary/give own opinion/describe features of the text. Texts used may be short extracts or extended reading texts read during independent reading. The activity must suit the type of text chosen. | 20% | 20% | 20%  |
|                                      | Writing   | 20% | 20% | 20%  |
| Creative writing                     | One activity to show the learner can express ideas creatively in writing e.g. writes a particular creative text type (or a short paragraph/passage) or part of it or sentences. The activity must show use of language structures in context.   | 10% | 10% | 10%  |
| Informational/ Transactional writing | One activity to show the learner can give information in writing e.g. writes a particular social or functional text type (such as a report/poster/ labelling diagrams/sentences/simple dialogues) or part of it. The activity must show use of language structures in context.  | 10% | 10% | 10%  |
| Language structure and conventions   |   | 10% | 10% | 10%  |
| Formal language usage                | One or more activities to show learner has knowledge of language structures and their use e.g. correct punctuation/ spelling/appropriate use of parts of speech and sentence structures   | 10% | 10% | 10%  |

| Total percentage for each task | 100% | 100% | 100% |  |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|--|
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|--|

#### 4.4 PROGRAMME OF ASSESSMENT

The Programme of Assessment is designed to spread formal assessment tasks in all subjects in a school throughout a term. A programme for assessment must be drawn up by the school indicating the dates on which tasks will be done.

# 4.4.1 Overview of requirements

The following table provides an overview of the Programme of Assessment requirements for each term for Second Additional Languages:

**Table 4.1: Grades 4 - 6** 

|                           | Term 1                    |       | Term 2                       | Term 3 | Term 4 |                             |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Grade 4                   | FAT 1                     | FAT 2 | FAT 3 / Mid-year examination | FAT 4  | FAT 5  | End-of-year examination     |
| Grade 5                   | FAT 1                     | FAT 2 | FAT 3 / Mid-year examination | FAT 4  | FAT 5  | End-of-year examination     |
| Grade 6                   | FAT 1                     | FAT 2 | FAT 3 / Mid-year examination | FAT 4  | FAT 5  | End-of-year examination     |
| Composition of final mark | Continuous assessment 75% |       |                              |        |        | End-of-year examination 25% |

#### 4.4.2 Examinations

Content for the end-of-year examination should be drawn from the work done for the year and should be a selection of skills and activities that will enable the learner to show that he/she is ready to engage with the work in the next year.

The examination will consist of the following:

Reading comprehension, including vocabulary work

Writing of a short creative text, including appropriate and correct usage of format, grammar, punctuation and spelling

Writing of a short transactional text, including appropriate and correct usage of format, grammar, punctuation and spelling

Knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling

Listening and Speaking skills will not be assessed as part of the examination as these are best assessed over a

longer period of time.

The weighting of marks for the examination is as follows:

|                                     | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Reading Comprehension               | 60%     | 60%     | 50%     |
| Writing                             | 25%     | 25%     | 35%     |
| Language Structures and Conventions | 15%     | 15%     | 15%     |
| Total percentage                    | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

#### 4.5 RECORDING AND REPORTING

Recording is a process in which the teacher documents the level of a learner's performance in a specific assessment task. It indicates learner progress towards the achievement of the knowledge as prescribed in the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements. Records of learner performance should provide evidence of the learner's conceptual progression within a grade and her / his readiness to progress or being promoted to the next grade. Records of learner performance should also be used to verify the progress made by teachers and learners in the teaching and learning process.

Reporting is a process of communicating learner performance to learners, parents, schools, and other stakeholders. Learner performance can be reported in a number of ways. These include report cards, parents' meetings, school visitation days, parent-teacher conferences, phone calls, letters, class or school newsletters, etc. Teachers in all grades report in percentages against the subject. Seven levels of competence have been described for each subject listed for Grades R - 12. The various achievement levels and their corresponding percentage bands are as shown in the Table below.

#### CODES AND PERCENTAGES FOR RECORDING AND REPORTING

| RATING CODE | DESCRIPTION OF COMPETENCE | PERCENTAGE |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| 7           | Outstanding achievement   | 80 - 100   |
| 6           | Meritorious achievement   | 70 - 79    |
| 5           | Substantial achievement   | 60 - 69    |
| 4           | Adequate achievement      | 50 - 59    |
| 3           | Moderate achievement      | 40 - 49    |

| 2 | Elementary achievement | 30 - 39 |
|---|------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Not achieved           | 0 - 29  |

Teachers will record actual marks against the task by using a record sheet; and report percentages against the subject on the learners' report cards.

#### 4.6 MODERATION OF ASSESSMENT

Moderation refers to the process that ensures that the assessment tasks are fair, valid and reliable. Moderation should be implemented at school, district, provincial and national levels. Comprehensive and appropriate moderation practices must be in place for the quality assurance of all subject assessments.

Moderators at school level must give quality comments to ensure that the assessment practice at school is enhanced. Moderation cannot simply be a monitoring exercise to check that the correct number of tasks has been done or that a memorandum has been applied correctly. In Languages it means that the moderator will give good comment, among other things, on the levels of questioning in comprehension testing; the frequency of extended writing; the quality of assessment instruments and the developmental opportunities afforded, and the teacher's engagement with learner workbooks and evidence of learner performance.

The moderation process must also ensure that the ratings given are consistent across all classes in the grade, and all grades in the phase. For example, a rating of 3 given by one teacher should represent the same level of skill and knowledge as the same rating given by another teacher. It is therefore important for Subject Heads to do internal moderation regularly.

#### 4.7 GENERAL

#### This document should be read in conjunction with:

- 4.7.1 The National policy pertaining to the programme and promotion requirements of the National Curriculum Statement, Grades R 12; and
- 4.7.2 The policy document, National Protocol for Assessment Grades R 12.

# **GLOSSARY**

**acronym –** a word made up from the first letters of the name of something e.g. *CAPS* is an acronym for *Curriculum* and *Assessment Policy Statement* 

e.g. ONU: Organisation des Nations Unies

aesthetic – the use of language to create something artistic, fine and beautiful

**alliteration** – the use of several words together that begin with the same sound or letter e.g. Round the rocks the ragged rascal ran

e.g. Pour qui sont des serpents qui sifflent sur vos têtes ?" Jean RACINE, Andromaque

allusion – writing or speaking that mentions a subject, person, etc. indirectly e.g. He alluded to the president's ill health

« J'ai eu chaud place de la paix. Dix mille degrés sur la place de la paix » (Allusion à la bombe atomique)— Marguerite Duras, Hiroshima mon amour

**ambiguity** – a possible double meaning which may make a message unclear when used by mistake, *e.g. I am going out for the present may mean I am leaving for this time OR I am going to get a gift* 

e.g. "J'ai perdu mes fils" may mean I lost my son or I lost my reel of threads.

anecdote - a short story of based on personal experience

**anti-climax** – a situation or event that is less exciting because it happens after something that was much better. In literature study anti-climax suggests that the expectations built up by the writer are deliberately disappointed.

**antonym** – a word that is opposite in meaning to another word in the same language e.g. *tall* and *short* are antonyms in English

e.g. grand vs petit

**appreciation** – pleasure you express when you realize something is good, useful, or well done; an understanding of the importance or meaning of something

appropriate - correct or suitable for a particular time, situation, or purpose

assonance - repetition of vowel sounds in two or more words, e.g. All is in tune in the world in June

« Tout m'afflige et me nuit et conspire à me nuire » Jean Racine, Phèdre

**assumptions** – something that you think is true although you have no definite proof. **Underlying assumption** – a belief that is used as the basis for an idea, but which may not be correct

bias - an opinion about whether something is good or bad which influences how you deal with it

**chronological** – arranged according to when things happened or were made, e.g. Les poèmes sont classés par ordre chronologique. *The poems were arranged in chronological order.* 

**clip (video clip/audio clip)** – a short part of a film, television or radio programme that is shown by itself, especially as an advertisement, e.g. une bande-annonce d'un film français/un clip vidéo d'une chanson *clips from a French film* 

**cognitive academic skills** – these are skills such as inferencing, synthesising and evaluating; the term *cognitive* academic language proficiency (CALP) was coined by Jim Cummins to describe abstract, decontextualised, cognitively demanding language i.e. the kind of language that you would find in a science textbook

**coherent** – something which makes logical sense; a coherent paragraph has a clear development of ideas and sentences have logical links

**cohesive** – a cohesive text is one which flows and has unity. It makes use of connectives, conjunctions and pronouns, which hold the text together e.g. Punctuation is important because it makes written language easier to understand.

e.g. connecteurs logiques: car / pour, en effet / en conclusion

**colloquial** – language or words that are used mainly in informal conversations rather than in writing or formal speech, e.g. *just chuck it there* (colloquial) instead of *please place it there* (formal)

e.g. bouffer (to eat - colloquial) instead of manger (formal)

Ça vaut le coup (It's worth it - colloquial) instead of Cela vaut la peine (formal)

**conjunctive** – in conjunctive writing systems (e.g. isiZulu and isiXhosa) there are spaces between grammatical words rather than morphemes; words are therefore longer than in disjunctive writing systems (e.g. Sesotho and Setswana)

**connotation** – the meanings which a word suggests e.g. *plump* has positive connotations such as *attractive*, *comfortable*, *cheerful*; whereas *fat* has more negative connotations

e.g. enrobée (plump) has a positive connotation whereas gras (fat) has more negative connotations

climax - the most exciting, effective or important part of a story, which usually comes near the end

**conflict** – struggle that arises between characters, between characters and their circumstances or from opposing desires or values

critical language awareness - the analysis of how meaning is constructed by those in power to maintain their

position; the analysis of language forms to reveal the mechanics of power-based relationships. It empowers the learner to resist manipulation and to use language sensitively

critique – a detailed explanation or evaluation of something such as political beliefs

decoding - to discover the meaning of a word or message

decontextualised - taken out of the situation, events, or information related to it

denotation - the literal or straightforward meaning of a word

denouement - the exciting last part of a story or play

**disjunctive** – in disjunctive writing systems (e.g. Sesotho and Setswana) there are spaces between morphemes; words are therefore shorter than in conjunctive writing systems (e.g. isiZulu and isiXhosa)

**dramatic irony** – when the people watching a play know something that the characters do not, and can understand the real importance or meaning of what is happening

element - one part or feature of a whole system, plan, piece of work etc., especially one that is basic or important

emotive – emotive language is language which arouses strong feelings

**euphemism** – a polite word or expression that you use instead of a more direct one to avoid shocking or upsetting someone, e.g. *Pass away* is a euphemism for *die* 

e.g. Elle nous a quittés. (She passed away) instead of Elle est morte. (She died)

evocative - making people remember something by producing a feeling or memory in them

explicit – clearly or directly stated (as opposed to implicit)

exposure - given the chance to experience new ideas, ways of life, cultures etc.

**falling action** – refers to events that happen after the climax, where the tension has been released and the story moves towards its end. This is also known as the **denouement** 

generic – relating to a whole group of things rather than to one thing

**genre** – a genre is a particular kind of text written with a specific purpose and audience in mind; it has a recognisable structure and language features. Examples are: novel, drama, poetry, short stories, film, diaries, journals, academic articles, comics, etc.

**homograph** – a word that is spelled the same as another, but is different in meaning, origin, grammar, or pronunciation, e.g. the noun *record* is a homograph of the verb *record* 

e.g. corner (to make dog-eared) and corner (a corner kick with an English pronunciation)

**homonym** – a word which has both the same sound and spelling as another word but a different meaning e.g. the noun *bear* and the verb *to bear* 

e.g. un avocat (an avocado) and un avocat (a lawyer)

**homophone** – a word which sounds the same as another but is spelled differently and has a different meaning e.g. one and won

e.g. vers (toward), vert (green), ver (worm) et verre (glass)

**hyperbole** – an exaggeration e.g. to describe something so that it appears bigger than it really is, for example, *He gave me a mountainous plate of food.* 

e.g. Je meurs de faim (I'm dying of hunger)

**icon** – a small sign or picture on a page or computer screen that is used to indicate or start a particular operation or activity, e.g. *To open a new file, click on the icon.* 

impact - the effect or influence that an event, situation etc. has on someone or something

**implied** – meaning that is suggested but not directly stated, e.g. "It's ten o'clock" may imply that the other is late e.g. Il est déjà 10 heures.

infer – to read between the lines to form an opinion about something

inference - something that you think is true based on the information you have

inflection - the way your voice goes up and down when you are speaking to communicate meaning

inhibition – a feeling of shyness or embarrassment that stops you doing or saying what you really want

**interpersonal communication skills** – this is face-to-face language where the context helps speakers to make interpret meaning; Jim Cummins coined the term *Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (BICS)* 

**intonation** – a pattern of rise and fall in the pitch of one's voice which contributes to the meaning of sentences e.g. questions are spoken with a rising intonation

**irony** – something which is the opposite of what is expected; using words to mean the opposite of what is expected e.g. « Quelle belle journée! » when it is raining and grey.

**key word searches** – these can be carried out when the text is on the internet or in the computer's memory. The programme can be asked to search for specific words or phrases

manipulative – clever at controlling or deceiving people to get what you want. Manipulative language is aimed at getting an influence or unfair advantage over others, e.g. in advertising or political speeches

- a language (or terminology) used to talk about language e.g. ironie, hyperbole, allitération

metre - the arrangement of sounds in poetry into patterns of strong and weak beats. It creates rhythm

**mode** – there are different modes of communication: the written mode, the spoken or oral mode, the visual mode, the kinetic mode which makes use of gestures; some texts combine these modes and are therefore called *multimodal* texts – les textes multimodaux

La multimodalité se caractérise par la présence de différents modes iconiques, linguistiques et auditifs à l'intérieur d'un même document. Le texte multimodal combine un ou plusieurs modes d'expression (ex. la bande-dessinée).

modulation – to change the sound of your voice

monitor - to watch and check a situation carefully in order to see how it changes over a period of time

**motion** – a proposal that is made formally at a meeting which is then usually decided on by voting, e.g. Le parlement vote une motion de censure. *The motion was defeated by 201 votes to 159*.

e.g. La motion a été battue par 201 votes à 159.

**multimodal** – multimodal texts are designed to make use of more than one mode of communication e.g. sound, print, images and gestures

onomatopoeia - words which sound like what they describe e.g. a brush swishes, a cow moos

e.g. zzzzz to Indicate someone is sleeping; Vroum to imitate the sound of an engine accelerating.

pace - the speed at which something happens or is done

**perspective** – a way of thinking about something, especially a way of thinking which is influenced by the type of person you are or by your experiences

**point of view** – a particular way of thinking about or judging a situation, e.g. *From an economic point of view, the new development will benefit the town greatly.* Also someone's personal opinion or attitude about something, e.g. *I respect your point of view, but I'm not sure I agree with you.* 

e.g. Je respecte votre point de vue mais je ne suis pas certain d'être d'accord avec vous.

posture – the way you position your body when sitting or standing

**pull down menus** – a list of things a computer program can do. You make a pull-down menu appear on the computer screen by clicking on a special word or icon.

pun – a play on words e.g. Seven days without water makes a person weak.

e.g. De deux choses lune, l'autre c'est le soleil. Jacques Prévert. Le paysage changeur 1945

rapport – friendly agreement and understanding between people, a cooperative relationship

reflect - to think carefully about something, or to say something that you have been thinking about

refrain - part of a song or poem that is repeated, especially at the end of each verse

**register** – the words, style and grammar used by speaker and writers in different contexts or situations e.g. official documents are written in a bureaucratic register, legal documents are written in a legal register

resolution – when a problem or difficult situation in a story, play or novel is solved

**rhetorical question** – a question that is asked for emphasis or dramatic effect rather than to get an answer, e.g. *Do you know how lucky you are?* 

e.g. Tu penses vraiment que je n'y ai pas pensé? Ne vous avais-je pas averti?

rhythm - a regular and repeated pattern of sounds e.g. of strongly and weakly stressed syllables

**rising action** – in the early part of a play, novel, story or film one or more conflicts are developed. Because of the increased sense of conflict the action is said to be 'rising' towards a climax.

**sarcasm** – speaking or writing using expressions which clearly mean the opposite of what is felt in order to be unkind of offensive in an amusing way e.g. saying to someone who has arrived at a meeting very late, *So good of you to come*.

e.g. « Allez, continue de parler, tu m'intéresses » (Carry on talking! – what you are saying is fascinating.) when we mean than a person should stop talking.

**scan** – to run one's eyes over a text in order to find specific information e.g. you scan a telephone directory for a name and number, or a timetable for the time of a train or bus

skim - to read a text very quickly to get an overview e.g. skim the newspaper headlines for the main news

stage direction - a written instruction to an actor to do something in a play

**stereotype** – a fixed (and often biased) view about what a particular type of person (e.g. a woman, a foreigner, a particular race group) is like

strategies - a planned series of actions for achieving something

symbol – something which stands for or represents something else e.g. a dove is a symbol of peace

**synonym** – a word which has the same meaning or nearly the same meaning as another word in the same language e.g. *big* and *large* are synonyms in English

e.g. Envoyer and lancer

**synthesise**, **synthesis** – to draw together and combine information or ideas from a variety of sources; a synthesis is a clear and succinct summary of these combined ideas

**tempo** (e.g. speech tempo) – the speed at which spoken words are delivered e.g. in a speech or performance of a poem

**testimony** – a formal statement saying that something is true, OR a fact or situation that proves very clearly that something exists or is true

**text type** – text types are broad categories of texts defined by their purpose, structure and language features e.g. recount, procedure, information report, narrative, explanation, discussion

**tone** – tone is the emotional message of a text. In a written text it is achieved through words (e.g. neutral words to create an objective tone). In a film it could be created through music or the setting.

turn-taking conventions - customs of behaviour and attitudes that people accept in order to cooperate and communicate

**understatement** – a statement which is not strong enough to express the true or full facts or feelings e.g. *To say I am angry is the understatement of the year.* e.g. "Le récent désagrément" to refer to a war in a recent past.

visualise (visualising) - to form a picture of someone or something in your mind

vivid - something that is particularly clear, bright, or seems very real

voice projection – to enable listeners to hear clearly what you are saying; to "throw" your voice into an audience word attack skills – strategies for working out the meaning of unfamiliar words by recognising parts of them, e.g. that rearrange suggests that the action is being repeated because of the prefix - re. e.g. Faire (to do) - Refaire (to do again)

**word family** – A group of words that share a common root, to which different prefixes and suffixes are added e.g. agree – agreeable, agreement, disagree, disagreement

e.g. jour, journée, abat-jour, journalier, ajourner.

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