## Modern Foreign Languages:

## Workshop October 2021

How to help your daughter thrive in the learning of her language

## Overview...

-1- resources available

- 2- methods to best learn a language
-3- independent learning
- 4- as a parent...what can I do?


## Resources used in class and at home

## Kerboodle Online

Website: kerboodle.com
Username:
Password:

Year 7: allez-y 1


Year 8: Allez-y 1 / Allez- y 2
Year 9: Allez-y 2/ AQA GCSE Foundation and higher Tier


## Spanish

- Year 7: Claro 1

- Year 8: Claro 2

- Year 9:



# Work set in Kerboodle 

>Reading exercises
>Listening exercises
$>$ Independent work: reading section at the end of each unit

## How to best use the Kerboodle resources...

>To practice pronunciation:
$>$ Go to: vocabulary pages at the end of each unit: click on green arrow: listen and repeat (at least 3 times).
$>$ To practice and revise grammar:
$>$ Grammar section
$>$ Verbs section

## Language-gym

Language-gym.com

## it is important to select: UK server

## Username:KAE92



Each student has been given their own class Password in July.

Used for: work was set over the summer holidays to reinforce what had been learnt during the year.

Independent work: pupils are guided on which parts of language-gym to use and practice.

## Languages Online

- Languagesonline.org.uk
- No username or password required



## Advantages of Languages online:

$\checkmark$ Excellent for grammar revisions:
$>$ Select: language
$>$ Scroll down to Grammar
$>$ Select the grammar point to revise
$>$ Practice the exercise
$\checkmark$ Very good for vocabulary revisions:
$>$ Select topic to revise

## Linguascope.com

- Username:bradfordg
- Password: mfl2020
- Primarily useful for years 7 and 8 to revise key vocabulary


## Revision guide

-All years 8 and 9 will have been given a revision guide, most of them last year.
$\Rightarrow$ They are not a replacement to what should be learned in class, but a tool to check understanding and practise grammar/ vocabulary independently.
All 4 skills can be practiced thanks to online listening activities

## How to best learn a language

- Learning vocabulary, expressions inherent to a language and grammar are essential to be able to communicate in that language.
- What is the best way to do it??
- There are different methods, and it is often a 'trial and error' of finding out what works best for each student.
- HOWEVER: reading ONLY will never be sufficient to remember and memorize vocabulary.


## Suggestions and methods 'proven' to work!

- See handout

To remember:
memorizing is a crucial part of achieving in a language
It takes time but it's worth it!
It's best to revise vocabulary on a regular basis to move knowledge from short term memory to long term memory
It's best to learn vocabulary over a period of time, not just for the test the day after! It will not be remembered in the long run.

## Independent learning

- All the resources mentioned so far can be used at any time for independent learning.
- The following Apps can also be used especially to practice vocabulary further:



## Last but not least...

- Your daughter's exercise book!

This is the primary tool to learn from and use. All knowledge required to progress will be in the exercise book. Classwork at the front, homework at the back.

At the beginning of each term your daughter will be given a Learning plan:
it lists:

- the topics to be covered in the term,
- the knowledge which should already have been acquired to progress in the new topic
- Key questions to understand and to be able to answer in oral or written tasks


## Year 7 French: my learning plan

| Terms | Topics | My previous knowledge | Key questions to be able to ask and answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Term 1 <br> Weeks: 1-7 | Introduction to classroom instructions <br> 1- greetings: how to greet one another according to different times of day. <br> 2- How to say your name, ask someone's name <br> 3- the French alphabet <br> 4- to say your age <br> 5- Birthdays: numbers to 31 and months <br> 6-school items: what is in your pencil case/ school bag. colours | year 3: moi <br> Bonjour/salut <br> au revoir/bonsoir <br> Comment çava? <br> Ça va/bien/mal <br> Et toi? Merci <br> C'est... Numéro <br> Comment tu t'appelles? <br> Je m'appelle... <br> Year 4: numbers to 10 <br> Year 5: on fait la fete <br> Birthdays <br> Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire? <br> C'est le... <br> Quel âge as-tu? <br> J'ai ...ans <br> Year 3: colours | Questions: <br> * Comment t'appelles-tu? <br> * Comment s'appelle ton frere ? Ta sœur ? <br> * ça va ? comment ça va? <br> * Quel âge as-tu? <br> * Quelle est la date de ton anniversaire ? <br> * Quel âge a ta sœur/ frère ? <br> * Qu'est-ce que tu as dans ta trousse? |
| Weeks: 8-14 | Family <br> 1-Family members <br> 2- who you get on/ don't get on with <br> 3- physical descriptions: hair and eyes: for yourself and family members <br> 4-personality descriptions: for yourself and family members 5 -family members: likes and dislikes | Revisiting: <br> Function words: a/ the <br> Gender <br> singular/plural adjectives <br> colour <br> Year 5 : family | Questions : <br> * iI y a combien de personnes dans ta famille ? <br> Comment s'appelle ton père etc ? <br> Tu t'entends bien/mal avec qui ? <br> Tu as une tante etc? <br> Tu es comment? <br> Tu as les cheveux/ yeux de quelle couleur? <br> Tu as les cheveux longs ou courts? <br> Ton frère a les yeux/ cheveux de quelle couleur? <br> Il a des lunettes? <br> quelle est ta personnalité? <br> Tu es sympa? <br> Comment est ton frère etc? |

## As a parent ...what can you do?

-1- check exercise book

- 2- check homework, include learning/ memorizing of vocabulary/ grammar is completed properly
- 3- encourage your daughter to work independently
- 4- encourage your daughter to use that language by using the Internet (if access to it): watch films/ listen to music/ log on to Google Fr./ Google.es

