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Year 8

Timing	Unit Titles	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing understanding
Autumn	En ville	Can I shop for food in France?	 Identify shops and what they sell. Use quantities and talk about money and prices. Express preferences with the definite articles. Use regular verbs in present tense. Use partitive articles, including with negative verbs. Background knowledge on the experience of the Second World War in France (e.g. Un sac de billes, rationing) 	 How understanding is assessed Students will be able to show they can conjugate all the verbs learnt confidently, show they can understand conversations in shops, and show they can translate accurately. Skills Speaking, listening, reading, translation and writing. Learning verb patterns. Assessment Point information Homework 1 and 2: Conjugation test on regular verbs and aller in present tense plus vocabulary from unit Assessment: Listening and dication
	Au collège	Can I talk about my school and describe a typical day?	 Vocabulary on school, school routine and daily routine at home (including link words and time expressions) Opinions on subjects and other aspects of school life. Say what you want and don't want to do. Use some irregular verbs in present tense (dire, lire, écrire, apprendre, vouloir). Use reflexive verbs in present tense. 	 How understanding is assessed Students will be able to talk and write about school and the routine confidently. Students will be manipulating irregular and reflexive verbs, with and without negations, in the present tense Skills Speaking, listening, reading, translation and writing. Learning verb patterns. Writing a coherent paragraph using link words and time phrases.

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				 Assessment Point Information Homework: Short speaking presentation about school and routine Assessment: Full conjugation test on verb conjugations and essay writing.
	The perfect tense	Can I use the perfect tense of regular avoir verbs?	 This unit is done using a resource based on a French author's life (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry), to give students further insight into the French culture. This resource also includes a writing activity at the end of the unit. Revision of avoir verb conjugations in present tense. Learning how to form perfect tense and past participles of regular verbs with avoir. 	 How understanding is assessed Students will be able to talk and write about past and present events confidently. Students will be able to differentiate between present and past tense verbs and manipulate the two tenses in context.
Spring	The perfect tense	Can I use the perfect tense with irregular avoir verbs, être verbs and reflexive verbs (including all negative forms)?	 Revision of être verb conjugations in present tense. Learning common irregular past participles with être. Learning which verbs take être. Learning how to conjugate reflexive verbs in the perfect tense. Learning expressions of past time. Be able to use all the above verbs to talk about past activities (revision using the St Exupéry materials). 	 Skills Speaking, listening, reading, translation and writing. Learning verb patterns. Writing a coherent paragraph using link words and time phrases. Assessment Point Information Homework 1 : Test on irregular avoir past participles Homework 2 : Test on être verbs Assessment: Full conjugation test on Perfect tense and essay writing.
Summer	On fait des projets	Can I talk about countries and transports? Can I use the future tense?	 Learn words for countries, transport and leisure activities Use prepositions in front of transport, towns and countries (to/in/at) Learn the conjugation of venir and partir Learn how to use the future tense: aller+infinitive (including negative pattern and reflexive verbs). 	 How understanding is assessed : Students can talk and write about their town from a touristic perspective. Students can use the new verbs confidently in context. Skills Speaking, listening, reading and writing.

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			Learning verb patterns.
Cultural Unit – Study of a French film – Les Choristes	Can I understand the plot of a French film and express opinions on it?	 Learn vocabulary specific to films and cinema. Learn and consolidate vocabulary on school and education. Use structures to express a variety of opinions. 	 How understanding is assessed: Students will be able to discuss the plot and characters of a French film and express opinions on them. Skills Listening, speaking, reading and writing. No Assessment Point