

Higham Lane North Academy

PARENT HANDBOOK

Supporting Your Child with French Learning at Home



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WELCOME TO THE LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

Here at HLNA we use Languagenut to set students homework. LanguageNut is an online language learning platform used by many schools. It helps students practise vocabulary through interactive games and quizzes, develop grammar understanding through structured activities, and improve listening skills through audio exercises where students hear native speakers and answer questions. Regular practice helps reinforce classroom learning and builds confidence in using French.

HOW LANGUAGE NUT SUPPORTS LEARNING

- Vocabulary: interactive games help students practise and remember new words.
- Grammar: structured activities reinforce grammar patterns and verb forms.
- Listening: audio tasks expose students to spoken French and improve comprehension.
- Instant feedback helps students learn from mistakes.
- Scores and repetition encourage regular practice and progress

Warm regards,



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REVISION

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Grammar Skills - Top 10 Tips

- Encourage learning grammar patterns rather than memorising whole sentences.
- Create simple grammar summary sheets (for example verb endings).
- Regularly practise key verbs such as être, avoir and aller.
- Encourage learning the gender of nouns when learning vocabulary.
- Ask your child to explain grammar rules to you.
- Practise grammar little and often rather than in long sessions.
- Remind them that making mistakes is part of learning.
- Use colour coding to organise grammar notes.
- Help them notice patterns in verb endings.
- Revisit grammar points after teacher feedback

Listening Skills - Top 10 Tips

- Encourage short daily listening practice (5–10 minutes).
- Focus on listening for key words rather than every word.
- Predict possible vocabulary before listening.
- Listen more than once when practising.
- Look for context clues such as topic and tone.
- Watch short French videos or cartoons with subtitles.
- Write down words that are recognised.
- Practise numbers, dates and times.
- Get used to hearing different speaking speeds.
- Remember that listening improves gradually with practice

Reading Skills - Top 10 Tips

- Skim texts first to understand the topic.
- Avoid translating every word.
- Look for cognates (words similar to English).
- Highlight important information.
- Guess meanings from context.
- Practise recognising question words.
- Read short French texts online or in books.
- Start with short paragraphs.
- Notice verb tenses when reading.
- Always read the question carefully before answering

HOMEWORK

HOW CAN YOU HELP

Writing Skills - Top 10 Tips

- Plan ideas before writing.
- Focus on writing simple sentences accurately.
- Include opinions and reasons.
- Use connectives such as et, mais and parce que.
- Try to include different tenses where possible.
- Check gender and agreement.
- Use useful phrases learned in class.
- Proofread work carefully.
- Build a bank of helpful phrases.
- Focus on clarity as well as complexity.

Speaking Skills - Top 10 Tips

- Encourage your child to practise speaking aloud regularly.
- Let them practise speaking answers to you.
- Encourage them to memorise useful phrases.
- Help them practise pronunciation slowly and clearly.
- Encourage them to record themselves speaking.
- Practise role-play questions together.
- Encourage them to expand answers with extra details.
- Remind them that confidence matters more than perfection.
- Encourage regular practice of conversation topics.
- Celebrate improvement in fluency and confidence.



FINALLY THE EASY WINS

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Encourage your child to use the resources they have available to them to help such as google classroom, their Knowledge Organiser or their booklets.

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Encourage your child to speak to their teacher in the first instance if they need help

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Keep the lines of communication open. We are happy to help.

