

Cave Languages

Primary Languages Update – January - February 2025

Year of the Dragon

The Chinese New Year starts on the 29th January and marks the beginning of the Year of the Snake. The British Council is offering a free educational pack designed for primary schools which includes resources and activities to help teachers and pupils learn more about this important Spring festival and explore Chinese language and culture.

[Year of the Snake | British Council](#)

Languagenut also has some resources to download [Chinese New Year 2025 - Languagenut United Kingdom](#)

Celebrate Speaking

The British Council, together with NCLE and ALL are encouraging primary and secondary pupils to prepare a short poem, presentation, sketch or dialogue in their favourite language. It can be a solo or joint performance of no longer than 90 seconds. Then upload a video performance to the school's Twitter account. Performances will be selected and the performers invited to attend a live virtual celebration in March. This is a celebration not a competition.

To find out more [Celebrate Speaking | British Council](#)

Calligram Celebration

Once again ALL is inviting primary children to make calligrams using words or phrases they have learnt in any language other than English. The words might draw the outline or fill in the silhouette of the image. They can be created by hand or computer. Each school which enters will receive a certificate and a digital compilation will be made of the most striking examples.

To find out more [ALL Primary Calligram celebration.docx](#)

Write Away!

The latest edition of 'Write Away' is available to view online on the Light Bulb Languages website. It showcases and celebrates the writing taking place in primary language classrooms. Have a look and be inspired!

[Write Away!](#)

Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub

The next meeting of the Thames Valley Primary Languages network and support meeting will take place online on Thursday 27th February at 4pm. The focus of the meeting is 'developing listening skills'. If you would like to attend, please get in touch.

<https://www.cavelanguages.co.uk/thames-valley-primary-hub>

French Pop Video Competition

Once again the Institut français is organising a French Pop Video competition. It is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK. Its aim is to give 'a playful and creative playground for your students to display their knowledge of French. Registration by 16th March and send video by 11th May.

[French Pop Video Competition - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni](#)

Association for Language Learning Conference

The programme has been published for the annual Association for Language Learning Conference which will take place on the 14th and 15th March. There are a lot of presentations on primary themes.

<https://www.delegate-reg.co.uk/lw2025>

Language Trends Survey 2025

You are invited by the British Council to take part in the annual survey of current trends in languages education. It provides an independent picture of the teaching of languages in English schools. It shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to complete and the closing date is the 7th February. Here is the link to the primary response form: [QuestBack](#)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember that to find out the latest news and information in between the newsletters, keep checking the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website

[Sharing good practice - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

Best wishes

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