

Cave Languages

Primary Languages Update – March - April 2024

Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub Meeting

At the online meeting in February at the Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub we discussed and shared our ideas for monitoring and recording progress in the primary languages classroom. If you would like to find out more, have a look at the notes from the meeting here [Thames valley primary hub - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

Olympics Resources

If you are thinking of including the theme of the Olympics in your curriculum next term, there are already quite a few free resources available online:

Light Bulb Languages in 5 languages

[Olympics 2024 Resources \(lightbulblanguages.co.uk\)](#)

Marie Alliot's Genially in French

[Olympic sports \(genial.ly\)](#)

French Resources on the Institut Français website

[Teach French with the Paris 2024 Olympics Games - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](#)

Power Point in French on the Brilliant Publications website

[Teach French through the Paris Olympics 2024: Activities and Resources for Primary Schools - Brilliant Publications](#)

If I discover anymore, I will post them on the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website – see below.

Summer School in France for Primary Teachers

The Summer School will take place 28th July to 4th August and it is for primary school teachers teaching French. There will be 20 hours of French language lessons and 2 workshops focused on French phonics. The summer school is intended to help teachers upskill their proficiency in the language. The course will not cover pedagogy. The training fees, breakfast, dinner and accommodation in a French host family are covered by the Institut Français. Travel expenses to be paid by the participant. To find out more [Teacher Training & Resources - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](#)

Japanese Club Package

If you would like to run a Japanese Club in your school the Japan Foundation is offering free of charge teaching materials about Japanese culture and language and 12 x 1 hour online teacher training sessions. The materials and training are designed for teachers with no experience of the Japanese language or running a Japanese club. Find out more here [The Japan Foundation, London - Whats On \(jpf.org.uk\)](#)

North East Festival of Languages

The North East Festival of Languages is still taking place and these activities are available online until the end of March

Puppet Shows in French

Available now to 31st March. For early years, primary: 3 interactive one-hour puppet shows tailored to different ages, with teacher resources and additional guidance videos. Children learn French words while enjoying a fun and engaging story told with puppets with Nathalie Paris.

[French Puppet Show – Express Yourself \(expressyourselfne.com\)](https://www.expressyourselfne.com)

Pre-recorded activities in several languages

Available now to 31st March. Lingotot pre-recorded activities introducing French, Spanish, German, Italian and Ukrainian to children. Fun interactive activities in 30-minute sessions available online with worksheets.

Fun with Japanese

A simple and fun introduction to Japanese for all KS1-3 pupils. Learn Japanese language basics, including common greetings and numbers from 1-10. Everyone can have a go at Japanese Calligraphy using our tutorial video or try some of our other simple cultural activities. Register now and access these 1-31st March.

[Fun with Japanese – Express Yourself \(expressyourselfne.com\)](https://www.expressyourselfne.com)

Stories for young learners

Storytelling to bring stories to life for children. Videos with French story tellers reading different stories in French. Supported by teacher resources to help explore the stories.

[Stories for young learners in French – Express Yourself \(expressyourselfne.com\)](https://www.expressyourselfne.com)

Language World Sketch Notes and Videos

If you were unable to attend the ALL Language World conference, you might be interested in the sketch notes produced by Clare Seccombe and Lisa Stevens. They encapsulate the main ideas of the presentations which they attended – many of them had a primary focus.

Here is the link to Clare Seccombe's blog [Changing Phase: Language World 2024 #LW2024 \(changing-phase.blogspot.com\)](https://www.changing-phase.blogspot.com)

and she has also posted a video of her presentation on dictation [Changing Phase \(changing-phase.blogspot.com\)](https://www.changing-phase.blogspot.com)

Here is the link to Lisa Stevens' sketch notes [Language World 2024 – the sketchnotes #LW2024 – ¡Vámonos! \(lisibo.com\)](https://www.lisibo.com)

and she also posted a video of her presentation on promoting international links [Promoting international links – a practical guide. #LW2024 – ¡Vámonos! \(lisibo.com\)](https://www.lisibo.com)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember to find out the latest news and information before the next newsletter, 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](https://www.cavelanguages.co.uk)

Best wishes

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