

## Cave Languages Primary Languages Update – November-December 2022

### World Cup Resources

If you are gripped by football fever, here are a few resources which you might find useful: The British Council has produced an education resource for primary schools about the Arabic language, Arab culture and football. It provides information, opportunities for discussion and activities for primary teachers to share with their pupils.

[Arabic language, Arab culture and football | British Council](#)

On the 'Learn French with Mr Innes' YouTube channel there is a video which introduces primary school age children to vocabulary associated with the World Cup.

[WORLD CUP 2022 // La Coupe du Monde !\[\]\(d66ff64371a51729ac8c1cdaa685ba6f\_img.jpg\) Learn French for Kids FR - YouTube](#)

Jane Birtwistle, a primary teacher of French in the North of England, has created a variety of online Educandy activities to practise World Cup vocabulary in French. They are free to access:

Listening

[Educandy | Resource](#)

Reading and writing

[Educandy | Resource](#)

[Educandy | Resource](#)

Here are some from Lightbulb Languages in various languages.

[World Cup 2022 Resources \(lightbulblanguages.co.uk\)](#)

### Language World 2023

The Association for Language Learning's annual conference will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Sheffield. It offers two days of excellent CPD for primary and secondary teachers. The theme of the conference is 'What we value – past, present and future treasure'. You can find out more here [LW2023 \(delegate-reg.co.uk\)](#)

### Pair Work Activities

At the ALL Thames Valley Primary Hub held in October, the theme of the meeting was pair work activities and participants shared their teaching ideas. We collated quite a long list and you can view them in the meeting notes here [Thames valley primary hub - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

### Primary Languages Spelling Bee

If you are looking for a competition involving languages and your school then consider taking part in the Primary Languages Spelling Bee [Primary Bee Registration | Routes into Languages](#) The Primary Bee is for students in Years 5 & 6 who have started learning a foreign language ab initio in KS2 to practise and improve their vocabulary, pronunciation and memory skills in the target language (French, Spanish and German). You could organise it just within your school or even compete at national level.

### Primary Languages Bilingual Dictionaries Discount

Collins, the publishers, are offering a 50% discount off all their language dictionaries until June 2023. To obtain this discount, enter the code DICT23.

[Primary | Primary Dictionaries & Languages – Collins](#)

## **What next for Primary Languages?**

Rachel Hawkes from the National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy (NCELP) gives her opinion on what lies ahead for the teaching of languages in primary school.

[What next for primary languages? – NCELP](#)

## **Junior Eurovision**

Did you know that there is junior version of the Eurovision song contest? It will take place in Armenia on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. 40 countries are taking part and the participants will sing in a variety of languages. You can hear them here:

[Participants of Yerevan 2022 - Eurovision Song Contest \(juniourovision.tv\)](#)

## **Christmas Resources**

On my Sharing Good Practice page, if you go to the section 'Interesting links to resources online' and find the entries for December 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, you will find links to a variety of resources to use in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Most of them should still be available. Here are the most popular ones from the last few years:

Videos Simple Christmas Songs in French

[Je vous souhaite un Joyeux Noël! - YouTube](#)

Simple Spanish Christmas Songs

[Vamonos](#)

Simple French Nativity Story with audio also in Spanish

[YouTube Primary Languages Network](#)

Festive phrases in different languages

[Coffee Break Languages](#)

Interactive Christmas Stories in English, French, German and Spanish

[Little Red Languages](#)

Goethe Institute video Christmas in Germany

[German Christmas Video](#)

Christmas Songs and Stories in French

[Christmas songs and stories](#)

Design a Christmas jumper

[Un Pull de Noël | Fun with French \(funfrenchactivities.blogspot.com\)](#)

In addition to the above, have a look at these latest additions:

A simple song in French for children in KS1

['Noël Noël'. A TwoTicksFrench video @Learn French at Home with Madame Cantin - YouTube](#)

A fun song in French for KS2

[Je suis un bonhomme - YouTube](#)

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember to find out the latest news and information until 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](#)

Joyeux Noël!

Best wishes  
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