

Cave Languages

Primary Languages Update – November - December 2023

German Expert Mentors

German Expert Mentors are free of charge and provide bespoke training opportunities, coaching and action planning to support the teaching and learning of German. You can find out more here:

[German Expert Mentors \(GEMs\) - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

Primary Bee

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 French, Spanish or German. It costs £25 for state schools and £50 for non-state schools. Find out more here:

[Primary Bee | Routes into Languages](#)

Winter Languages Challenge

The publishing company BSmall has set a challenge of designing a winter character. Find out more here:

[YLLA WINTER CHALLENGE \(bsmall.co.uk\)](#)

DELTEA control schools

The research project DELTEA looking at the teaching and learning of languages in KS2 is looking for some control schools to take part. They are particularly keen to find Year 5 classes teaching French or Spanish. Find out more here:

[DELTEA control schools \(office.com\)](#)

British Council Language Teacher Training Scholarship

If you know anyone who is thinking of following a teaching training course in languages, point them in the direction of this information about scholarships provided by the British Council.

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Summer 2024 – Training for Teachers of Spanish

The Education Office of the Spanish Embassy is offering funded training courses in Salamanca for one week in June and July 2024.

Find out more here:

[Summer 2024: Spanish Teacher Training - United Kingdom | Ministry of Education, Vocational Training and Sports \(educacionyfp.gob.es\)](#)

Funded opportunity to visit a school in Germany

The UK-German Connection is offering a funded opportunity to UK teachers to visit a school in Germany for one or two weeks in 2023-24. The deadline for a Spring visit is the 15th December and for a Summer visit is the 1st March. Find out more here:

[Professional Enrichment Programme – Professionals & Parents \(ukgermanconnection.org\)](#)

Language Trends Webinar

If you would like to find out more about the Language Trends Report of 2023, NLCE is hosting a free webinar on this topic on Thursday 7th December 5-6pm. Find out more here:

[NLCE presents: Language Trends England 2023 Tickets, Thu 7 Dec 2023 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Using Technology in Language Lessons

We had a very interesting and informative meeting at the ALL Thames Valley Primary Hub meeting in October. If you would like to read about the suggestions for using technology in primary language lessons, have a look at the notes on this page of my website [Thames valley primary hub - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)

Christmas Resources

If you go to the 'Sharing Good Practice' page of my website, in the section 'Interesting links to resources online' you will find the entries for December 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 which have 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](#)

[Nativity Story Spanish - YouTube](#)

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:

Advent calendar in German.

[Advent calendar – The Voyage Kids \(ukgermanconnection.org\)](#)

Christmas resources in various languages

[Christmas \(scilt.org.uk\)](#)

Christmas vocabulary in French

[Learn and Play with Christmas vocabulary in French - YouTube](#)

Christmas/New Year song in Spanish

[Rockalingua](#)

Christmas around the world

[Primary school assemblies: Christmas Around the World - BBC Teach](#)

I hope that the end of term goes well for you and you have a lovely Christmas break.

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](#)

Joyeux Noël!

Best wishes
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