Progression of skills in MFL (French)

	1 st year of study	2 nd year of study	3 rd year of study	4 th year of study
Listening	Understand a few familiar spoken words and phrases. For example: the teacher's instructions a few words and phrases in a song or a rhyme days of the week colours numbers	Understand a range of familiar spoken phrases. For example: • basic phrases concerning myself, my family, my school, the weather.	Understand the main points from a short spoken passage made up of familiar language in simple sentences. For example: a short rhyme or song a basic telephone message weather forecast	Understand the main points and some of the detail from a short spoken passage. For example: Sentences describing what people are wearing. An announcement.
Speaking	Say and/or repeat single words and short simple phrases. For example: • greeting someone • saying oui, non, s'il vous plait, merci (or equivalents in other languages) • naming classroom objects • days of the week • saying what the weather is like Know how to pronounce some single letter sounds. Imitate correct pronunciation with some success.	Answer simple questions and give basic information. For example: • saying where I live • whether I have brothers or sisters • whether I have a pet • when my birthday is • how old I am • what the date is today Know how to pronounce all single letter sounds. Show an awareness of sound patterns.	Ask and answer simple questions and talk about their interests. For example: taking part in an interview/survey about pets/favourite foods talking to friends about hobbies Know how to pronounce some letter strings.	Speak with increasing confidence, fluency and spontaneity. Take part in a simple conversation. Express an opinion. Begin to understand how accents change letter sounds. Able to substitute vocabulary to vary questions or statements. Become more accurate with pronunciation and start to develop intonation.
Reading	Recognise and read out a few familiar words and phrases. For example: from stories and rhymes labels on familiar objects the date the weather	Understand and read out familiar written phrases. For example: • simple phrases • weather phrases • simple descriptions of objects/animals	Understand the main point(s) and some of the detail from short written texts. For example: • very simple messages on a postcard or email or part of a story. • three to four sentences of information about a friend or description of a school day. Use a book or glossary to find out the meanings of new words.	Understand the main points and some of the detail from short written texts. Begin to read independently. Use a bilingual dictionary to look up new words. Discover and develop an appreciation of a range of writing in French.
Writing	Write or copy simple words or symbols correctly. For example: numbers days of the week colours classroom objects a shopping list Select appropriate words to complete short phrases or sentences.	Write one or two short sentences with support, e.g. a model or fill in the words on a simple form. For example: shopping list personal information holiday greetings Begin to spell some commonly used words correctly.	Write a few short sentences with support using expressions which they have already learnt. For example: a postcard, simple note, message or identity card. Spell words that are readily understandable.	Write a short text on a familiar topic, adapting language which they have already learnt. For example: a paragraph about themselves/ a story/ a picture. a message/postcard/greetings card containing three of four sentences. Spell commonly used words correctly.
Intercultural Understanding	Understand and respect that there are people and places in the world around me that are different to where I live and play. Understand that some people speak a different language to my own.	Identify similarities and differences in my culture to that of another. Talk about celebrations in other cultures and know about aspects of daily life in other countries that are different to my own.	Respect and understand cultural diversity. Understand how symbols, objects and pictures can represent a country.	Talk about, discuss and present information about a particular country's culture. Begin to understand more complex issues which affect countries in the world today.

Children working above average:		
Children working below average:		