Coley Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

SUBJECT FOCUS:	FL - French	YEAR 5	TERM 6

Key Knowledge
The seasons and the weather

Français	English
Les saisons et la météo	Seasons and the weather
janvier	January
février	February
mars	March
avril	April
mai	May
juin	June
juillet	July
août	August
septembre	September
octobre	October
novembre	November
décembre	December
le printemps	Spring
l'été	Summer
Il fait frais au printemps	It's cool in spring
Il fait chaud en été	It's hot in summer
l'automne	Autumn
l'hiver	Winter
Il y a du vent en automne	It's windy in autumn
Il fait froid en hiver	It is cold in winter

Grammar

Months:

- Months, seasons and days of the week are always lower case in French.

Seasons:

- The seasons in French are all masculine but the preposition used with them differs because of the starting letter/ sound:
  au printemps
  BUT
  en hiver / en automne / en été
- This is to help with pronunciation as French avoids two separate vowel sounds together.

Key Knowledge
Expressions of time

Français	English
Les indications au temps	Expressions of time
Il est tard	It's late
Il est tôt	It's early
maintenant	Now
puis	Then
récemment	Recently
bientôt	Soon
dans deux semaines	In two weeks
hier	Yesterday
l'année prochaine	Next year
le surlendemain	Two days later

Grammar

Time phrases:

- 'Prochain' needs to agree with the noun it modifies:
  le mois prochain = next month
  la semaine prochaine = next week
  l'année prochaine = next year



Key Knowledge
Birthdays

Français	English
inviter	To invite
un anniversaire	A birthday
une fête	A party
un cadeau	A gift
une carte	A card
une invitation	An invitation
Mon anniversaire est la	My birthday is
Bon anniversaire	Happy Birthday
J'aimerais	I would like
pour mon anniversaire	For my birthday



Key Knowledge
Buying a gift

Français	English
Acheter un cadeau	To buy a gift
Donner	To give
reçevoir	To receive
Un cadeau	A gift
Du papier cadeau	Wrapping paper
Une carte cadeau	A gift card
Un mot de remerciement	A thank you note
C'est pour mon ami	It's for my friend
Que veux-tu pour ton anniversaire?	What do you want for your birthday?
Qu'as-tu reçu pour ton anniversaire?	What did you receive for your birthday?
J'ai reçu un	I received a

Grammar

Le passé compose (past/ perfect tense):

- 'J'ai reçu' means both 'I played' and 'I have played', as French does not distinguish between these two past tenses in the same way as English.
- Most verbs in French are put into the past tense by using a conjugation of 'avoir' and a past participle.
- Regular past participles are formed in the following ways:
  ER: donner -> j'ai donné
  IR: finir -> j'ai fini
  RE: perdre -> j'ai perdu

Possible Activities

- Learn and sing songs using the months of the year and the seasons.
- Work in pairs to practise describing when your birthday is and how you celebrate.



Know how to…

- Say, read and write the summer and spring months
- Say, read and write the autumn and winter months
- Say, read and write time phrases
- Describe when your birthday is and how you celebrate it
- Talk about buying a gift