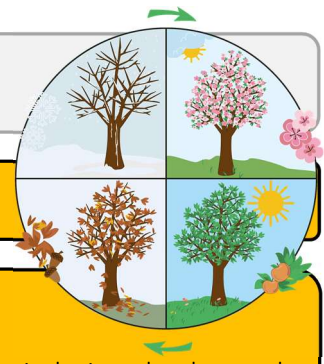




Teaching Type: **Early Language**



Unit: **LES SAISONS**



Unit Objective: To talk about our favourite season in French.

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Name, recognise and remember all four seasons in French.
- Say which is our favourite season in French.
- Say why it is our favourite season in French.
- Start to recognise and use the conjunctions 'et' (and) & 'car' (because) in our spoken and written responses.

It will help if we already know:

- No previous knowledge is necessary as this is a starter unit designed to be used in the early stages of a language learning journey but it is recommended to teach 'J'Apprends Le Français' before this unit.

Skills we will develop:

Learning to listen to French and starting to become more familiar with the different phonics/pronunciation and letter strings/phonemes. Starting to learn how to remember and recall words in a different language, including conjunctions so that we can say and write at least one short phrase on our favourite season.

Activities we will complete:

Using our knowledge of the four seasons in English to support our new learning and understanding of the seasons in French via many engaging visual listening and speaking tasks. Learning the nouns for the four seasons, followed by a short phrase associated to each one. Reading and written activities on both word and phrase level to support word order and simple sentence structure in French.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

**Nouns & articles/determiners.** We will start to notice that in French there is often an article/determiner before a noun when we do not use one in English. For example, spring in French is '**le printemps**'. Starting to notice also that there are more words in French for 'the' than in English!

Phonics & pronunciation we will hear & see:

Recommended phonics focus: CH OU ON OI

- **ON** sound in **saïson**
- **OU** sound in **poussent**
- **OI** sound in **oiseaux**
- **Silent letters.** We will start to notice that there are lots of silent letters in French. For example, we will see that the letter 't' is not pronounced in 'et', 'est' and the 'd' is not pronounced in 'chaud'. Starting to notice that final consonants are often silent letters in French.
- **Guttural 'R'.** Becoming more familiar with the French 'r' sound as seen in **hiver, printemps, car** and **préférée**. Beginning to notice that this sound is made from the back of the mouth, not the front.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The nouns and determiners/articles for the four seasons in French. Including the language required so say which is our favourite season and why, using the connectives 'et' (and) and 'car' (because). All listed on Vocabulary Sheet.

