



Unit: LES FRUITS

Unit Objective: To say what fruit we like and do not like in French.

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

- Name, recognise and remember up to 10 fruits in French.
- Attempt to spell some of these nouns with their correct article/determiner.
- Ask somebody in French if they like a particular fruit.
- Say what fruits we like and dislike in French.

Skills we will develop:

Working on memory, recall and retention skills using images to help. Learning how to ask a question and answer it in French including a simple opinion.

Activities we will complete:

A choice of listening and reading tasks with desk-based activities including word searches, crosswords, gap-fills and word puzzles. Completing activities often with a partner (including a survey) for the final task of asking a question about what fruits others like and be able to answer it with 'I like'/'I do not like' plus a particular fruit.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

Nouns, gender, articles/determiners and plural form. we

will be exploring the concept of gender in French and starting to understand better that nouns in French are either masculine or feminine. Learning that gender will affect other words in a sentence like the indefinite article/determiner which has two forms: **un** and **une**. Understanding that the plural definite article/determiner is **les** in French and seeing that this is not affected by gender. There is only one plural option. Exploring how to make the fruits plural in French.

It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from phonics and pronunciation lesson 1.
- Vocabulary from the 'J'apprends le français' unit.
- What a noun and article/determiner is in English.
- What a verb is in English.

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

Recommended phonics focus: CH OU ON OI

• OI sound in poire



- **Silent letters.** We will see that the letter 's' is not pronounced in 'les' or the plural version of the fruits as final consonants are nearly always silent letters in French.
- Liaison. Understanding better that liaison is the word to explain what happens with pronunciation when a word that ends in a normally silent consonant is followed by a word starting with a vowel. The normally silent 's' in les is pronounced in les oranges and les abricots as both those fruits start with a vowel but the 's' almost sounds like a 'z'. This happens often in French.
- **Guttural 'R'.** Becoming more familiar with the French 'r' sound as seen in **fraise, orange, poire, prune, cerise** & **abricot.** Made from the back of the mouth, not the front.

Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

The nouns and determiners/articles for 10 common fruits in French. The language required to ask a question in French and how to answer the question in French (using the positive and negative form). This is all listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.