





Gaston la Goutte



Welcome to Gaston la Goutte!

Gaston la goutte is an exciting way to link the teaching of French into the primary curriculum through the topic of the water cycle.

We hope you and your pupils will enjoy using this exciting new cross-curricular resource. The following information summarises each of the elements of the pack and provides a suggested route through the materials. Sound files are included in both lesson plans and powerpoints/presentations, and all resource materials can be found within each folder. All activities are referenced to the Key Stage 2 Framework for Languages. Teachers may use all or some of the suggested cross-curricular links in order to personalise the pack to their own curriculum.

Days of the week

Ideally this should be taught first, before using the text. Pupils who are already familiar with the days of the week may only need a brief revision.

Weather & Board Game

Four lesson plans are included with suggestions for exploitation with Y3-Y6 pupils. Again, pupils should be familiar with the weather phrases before using the text. Weather flashcards featuring Gaston are included within the weather folder. A board game is included based on the weather.

Text: Le voyage de
la petite goutte de
pluie

The main focus of the pack, the big book follows Gaston's journey from the sea into the clouds and mountains, and features high-quality, child-friendly illustrations and clear, accessible text. A separate sound file is included. Separate lesson plans for Y3-6 are included and cover key nouns, sound-spelling links and adjectives, progressing from sound to word to sentence and text level.

Song

Closely linked to the text, the song folder contains ideas for use with Y3-6 pupils. A recording of the song is also included, featuring primary school pupils. Activities are also linked to the KS2 objectives for music.

Dance & Drama;
Class Assembly

Also based on the text, these lesson plans focus on the recreation of Gaston's emotions and the situations in which he finds himself. Activities are also linked to the KS2 objectives for dance and drama, and a sample dance is included, created by primary school pupils. A script for a class assembly is included which retells the story of Gaston's journey.

Uses of water
around the house

Featuring Gaston on all flashcards and presentations, this series of lessons focuses on familiarising pupils with the time and useful daily routine phrases, with suggestions for exploitation with Y3-6 pupils.

DT: ice-lollies recipe

Focusing on verbs, this section of the pack continues the theme of water and includes two authentic recipes for ice-lollies, including colour presentations and suggested activities for pupils in Y3-6.

Science experiments

Linked to the KS2 objectives for science, these three sections include exciting water-based experiments such as changing the colour of celery, an engaging frozen hand and a growing plant. Clear colour presentations and detailed lesson plans with suggested activities for all KS2 pupils are included.

International Dimension

This section contains specific references to how this pack can be used to develop the teaching of Intercultural Understanding and includes several suggestions for swapping curriculum-based projects with a link school abroad.

Overview of
suggested links to the
KS2 Framework

At-a-glance coverage of suggested links to the Key Stage 2 Framework for Languages.

Self-assessment
sheets

Effort & achievement
certificates

Featuring Gaston, the self-assessment sheet provides important information for the teacher and motivates learners. Blank speech bubbles allow pupils to record additional achievements. Effort and achievement certificates linked to the Gaston theme provide an effective way of rewarding and encouraging pupils.