



Unit Objective: To become more familiar with traditional nursery rhymes in French.

### Powerful Knowledge:

- Actively participate and enjoy six traditional nursery rhymes in French.
- Start to understand and decode more of the spoken/sung French we hear.

### Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

- **Silent letters.** Starting to learn that it is very common to see silent final consonants in French words. As seen in font, chaud, vieux, chat, dans and poussins in the French nursery rhymes.
- **Ç sound.** Starting to learn that this is a very common and a specific sound to French. Even if we do not see it we will hear it in words like balançait in the French nursery rhymes
- **Nasal sounds.** Starting to learn that when vowels are followed by 'm' or 'n' in French, a 'nasal' sound is made. Air comes through the nose and mouth! As seen in the words font, dans, chien, éléphant, monte and tombe.

### Grammar we will learn & revisit:

None in this unit as it is an introductory unit.

### What I should already know

- No previous knowledge of French is required as this is recommended as a starter unit to be used in the very early stages of a language learning journey.

### Activities we will complete:

A wide variety of listening and speaking tasks to help us to better understand the French nursery rhymes when we listen to them. Starting lessons with a few short key activities using the key words from each nursery rhyme before watching the animated videos. Ensuring we can fully understand and actively participate with physical actions in the six French nursery rhymes presented in this unit.

### Skills we will develop:

Learning to listen more carefully and for longer periods of time repeating what we hear with improving accuracy. Using gestures and images to help us understand more of what we hear in French.

### Vocabulary we will learn & Revisit

There is no specific vocabulary for this unit but there will be a focus on the key words taken from the French nursery rhyme introduced each week.

