



# French - Year 4 – Festivals and Celebrations

L.O to revise dates, to use bilingual dictionaries.

## How to use a bilingual dictionary?

In a bilingual dictionary there are 2 parts.  
English words translated into French  
French words translated into English

So you need to be careful with which side you need to look at. The words are in alphabetical order.

The dictionary gives you important clues about

- 1- The translation.
- 2- The context
- 3- The type of word it is (noun,verb,adjective,etc)
- 4- The gender if it's a noun.

For instance

Bike = vélo (masculine)

Masculine means that to say "a bike", you will need "UN" un vélo.

Mouse= souris (feminine)

Feminine means that to say "a mouse", you will need "une" une souris

	masculine	feminine
a/one+ noun	Un ...	Une...
The+ noun	Le...	La ...

## Cross-curricular links

History, RE, English

## Special dates

In France, religious festivals are celebrated the same day as in England but the religious events can be celebrated in different ways.

There are also some historical dates which mark important historical times.

Noël = Christmas

Pâques = Easter

La fête des rois = L' Epiphanie = Epiphany

Le nouvel an = New year

La Saint Valentin = Valentine's Day

La fête Nationale = le 14 juillet = 14<sup>th</sup> July

In France, each day is a saint's day. That is why you can see a name after each day (on the picture of the newspaper)

Can you see yours?

## French Calendar

## Prior knowledge

Days

Months

Numbers to 31